

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?!!!

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, August 27th



A long-time tradition at the Kiwanis Club of Abilene is the recognition of the greatest football coaches in the state right here in Abilene, Texas. Along with that recognition we will hear from each one regarding their prospects for the up-coming season. We will also hear from Gary Grubbs, a board member and an enthusiastic cheerleader for the Championship Classic coming up this next weekend.

Besides his coaching duties, Abilene High School coach Steve Warren just finished his tenure as President of the Texas High School Coaches Assn., and is beginning his 20th year as head coach of the Eagles. He and his team are getting all set to begin the first

season in 6A, so as always, the schedule will be tough. . . but so are the Eagles, and you can bet they will be prepared.

Coach Todd Moebes begins his third year as head coach of the Cooper Cougars, and as always with a target on his back. The Cougars are predicted to have a good season, and he and his staff of experienced coaches are shooting for another district championship and a long playoff run.

In the tradition of championship football, the Abilene Christian High School, will put on the 6-man field a stellar group of players conditioned to winning football games. But, they will be led by a new coach. Coach Mark Coley resigned this past spring, and a new coach, Jesse Olvera, is taking his place. It will be hard to walk in Coach Coley's shoes, so Coach Olvera is not going to do that. . .he has his own shoes to fill. He is a familiar face on the ACHS campus, having coached the baseball team for the past 4 years. His wife coaches the girl's basketball program at Cooper High School.

The Wylie Bulldogs coach, Hugh Sandifer, was invited, as usual, but said he did not have time to meet with us this week.

We encourage all our members to be present and invite a prospective member to be your guest to hear this program about how coaches in our community impact a large population of the youth of our community. You'll get a little dose of "Pigskin Fever"!!



Curtis Blackburn led the opening prayer.



Chris Carnohan led the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner."



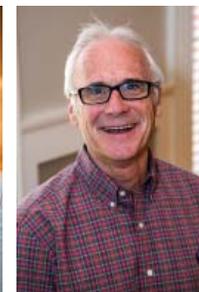
Earl Williams made a presentation of gumball receipts.



"Lew" Lewis presented the program.



Allison Causey was a guest of Margaret Hoogstra.



Royce Curtis was a guest of Brandon Carr.



David Hare was a guest of Kelly Jones.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
Weekly Meeting
August 20th, 2014
Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Mark Hoover
Prayer.....	Curtis Blackburn
Music.....	Chris Carnohan
Piano.....	Tim Adcock
Pledge.....	Gary Poynor
Guests.....	Charles Ellis
Cup Money.....	\$32.13

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, and Jarrell Young

Bill Zavatson had a medical procedure on August 6th.

Remember in prayer former member, John Landry who had knee replacement surgery recently however developed a staph infection and remains in the hospital for treatment.

Pray for rain.

Guests

Guest.....	Member
Ron Banks.....	Kelly Jones
Mark Carroll	Kelly Jones
David Hare	Kelly Jones
Allison Causey.....	Margaret Hoogstra
Royce Curtis.....	Brandon Carr

Program

Randy Williams introduced our own Lew Lewis who offered a brief story. Let's just say it was not about eye care, but it was humorous! Talk to Lew if you want to hear more! Mark's comment was, "It gives a whole new meaning to 'ringing your bell.'"

Closing thought from Winston Churchill, "An optimist sees an opportunity in every calamity. A pessimist sees a calamity in every opportunity." Kiwanians, what are you? Aren't we about seizing opportunities to serve communities and children? Let's go out there and be optimists.



John Snapp presented Lora Lynn Christensen with a donation for Young Audiences of Abilene.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Bailey Choate Award

Submit nominations in writing for the Bailey Choate award to any committee member. Committee members are: Ken Poynor, Nancy Miller, Charles Kirkpatrick and Mark Hoover. Deadline for submission is August 27th.

Gumball Report

From Earl Williams:
 1039 machines in operation
 346 machines read in July
 \$417.04 received for July
 \$262,214.64 to date

Donation Awarded

John Snapp, chairman of the Boys and Girls Committee presented a check in the amount of \$250.00 to Lora Lynn Christensen for Young Audiences of Abilene. Lora Lynn thanked the club for the donation and communicated this would be used to help fund a dance troupe coming in from Houston in September. It will be a great program! She encouraged everyone to make plans to attend.

Club Satellite

Make plans to attend the Club Satellite meeting on September 2nd at Martinez Boys and Girls Club. Mr., Walt Roetter, Administrator Texas-Oklahoma District, Key Club International will present

information on starting a Key Club. You won't want to miss it!

Tx-Ok District Convention News

Attendees from the Kiwanis Club of Abilene were Mark Hoover, Jamie Breed, and Christine Curtis-Carr who were club delegates. Nancy Miller, Will Smith, Edith Smith and Brandon Carr were also in attendance.

President Mark Hoover provided an overview. He announced that the Kiwanis Club of Abilene was awarded 1st place for the weekly newsletter, large club division, and presented a certificate to Brandon Carr, editor of the Kiwanigram! Awesome job Brandon and congratulations! In addition, the club was awarded 1st place recognition in the large club division for our Website! This was the 2nd year in a row for this honor. Congratulations to Charles Kirkpatrick, webmaster for his efforts! Hats off to Brandon and Charles!

Deceased members were recognized at the convention during a special Memorial Service led by our own Nancy Miller. Those members from our club were Henry McGinty, Rickie Brown and Van Boozer. Thank you Nancy for doing such a fine job!

Our club accomplished 6 interclubs with our attendance at called meetings during the convention!

A few convention stats:

418 people attended the convention.

T-O District began the year with 297 clubs, added one club, and however dropped 9 bringing the number of clubs in the district to 289.

The district started the year with 8,192 members. As of July 31st, 673 members were dropped but we added 758 members as of August 8th, bringing our membership number to 8,277 or an increase of 85 members.

255 delegates were accredited to vote from 125 clubs.



Charles Kirkpatrick received the TX-OK District 1st Place award for our web site.



Brandon Carr received the TX-OK District 1st Place award for the Kiwanigram.

Your Governor for 2014-2015 will be Colleen Biggerstaff and Governor Elect, Erby Eikner. Both are from Texas. The site of the 2015 convention will be Texarkana, Texas.

Two amendments passed revising District Bylaws that were housekeeping in nature; however one amendment that was significant in that it would have changed the governing body of the District failed.

Nancy Miller, Jamie Breed and Brandon Carr shared their experiences and perspectives.

Nancy shared the results of a forum on membership growth. The formula to grow our club is to Love It, Share It, and Live It! We will hear more at zone meetings in 2014.

Nancy and Jamie voiced their excitement about the Eliminate Project. More than \$60,000.00 was contributed by Tx-Ok members and clubs during the convention. Jamie stressed the importance of being involved in this important project. She also shared about the Prayer Breakfast and how special it was especially the Memorial Service led by Nancy Miller.

Lt. Governor Will Smith shared his perspective and announced that he had decided to continue as Lt. Governor during 2014-2015. He bragged on the club, Brandon, and encouraged members to "Share our Story". We are a great club and we need to get the word out.

Brandon Carr stated this was his first convention. He stated it was a great time and really good to see Kiwanians "fired up" for Kiwanis.

Next year is the 100th anniversary for Kiwanis. We will celebrate in the District at the Tx-Ok Convention in Texarkana. Make plans now to attend.

CALENDAR

- September 2 – Club Satellite 6:00pm Martinez Boys and Girls Club, 1301 Clinton Street
- September 9th Division 35 Council Meeting

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–Al's Mesquite Grill

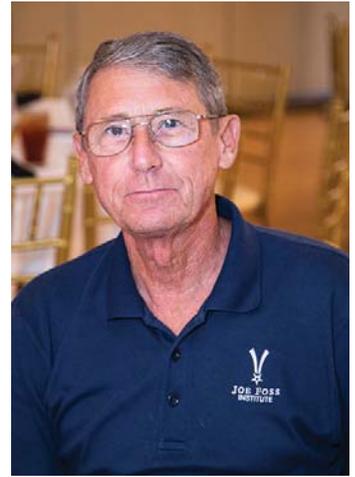
- September 18 Board Meeting – Bogies Sandwich Shop 12:00noon
- September 24th – CELEBRATION MEETING (final meeting of 2013-2014 Kiwanis Year)

Kiwanis Through the Years: 2003

- State Representative Bob Hunter presented a program about redistricting procedures.
- President Ken Poynor presented a check for \$1000 to Nancy Miller for Christian Homes of Abilene. These funds will help with transportation expenses of girls who come to Abilene to participate in the maternity program.
- Dennis Laster reported that we fed over 600 people and provided food for the Food Bank and Salvation Army at our UNITED FOR KIDS TAILGATE PARTY.
- Dr. Virginia Armstrong, National Chairman for the Eagle Forum's Court Watch Project and founder of the Blackstone Institute, presented a report on the nine most powerful people in the nation. Dr. Armstrong introduced us to each of the nine members of the Supreme Court, gave their ages and told something about each one.
- Mark Hewitt, Co-Founder of Love and Care Ministries presented a program. The ministry reaches out to help the homeless and poor.
- Rat Stone presented a colorful and entertaining program, "Do You Remember America's Team?" He had members and guests roaring with laughter as he told stories of some of those famous Dallas Cowboys from days gone by.
- The 7th Annual Basketball Shootout netted \$1739.79 for the Children's Miracle Network. That raises the total amount raised over the past seven years to \$12,942.63. WOW!
- March 3, 2004 marked the kickoff for 55th annual Kiwanis Club of Abilene Pancake Day. IHOP again agreed to be our corporate sponsor.
- Glyn Hammons introduced his new member, Mark Hoover.
- Michael Grant, author of "Warbirds - How they Played the Game", presented a program about the glory years of Abilene High School football when they won four state championships from 1954-1957.
- Ticket sales for our 55th Pancake Day totaled \$31648.50 and the Silent Auction netted \$3400. Net "profit" after expenses was



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\$26,810.91. Another successful Pancake Day!

- Jerry Harris introduced his new member, Pamela McGrew. Pamela is the assistant administrator for the Windcrest Alzheimer's Care Unit.
- Six students were awarded \$700 Foundation Scholarships.
- President Poynor announce that the membership approved a dues increase effective July 1, 2004. Regular dues will be \$43, senior dues will be \$19, and leave of absence dues will be \$10.
- Notice from the August 4, 2004 Kiwanigram: "If you cannot get the Kiwanigram off the website, let President Ken Poynor know. If you do not have a computer, you may use the computer at the Abilene Public Library, Better Business Bureau, or pick up a printed copy at the Kiwanis office."
- Don Scargall introduced his new member, Russell Leavenworth. Russell is employed by Hardin-Simmons University. University, Dr. Phil Schubert. And of course the 62nd Pancake Day.
- May programs included Career and Technical Education student lunch, the Valedictorian lunch, Dyess Air Force Base Col. David Been, and a moving ceremony by the Joint Service and Base Honor Guard (they reenacted the flag ceremony done at military funerals-over 3,700 annually). Many scholarships and certificates were given out.
- June found the Pancake Day Wrap up presented at the Ben Richey Boys Ranch Pavilion. The Boys Ranch invited the Kiwanis Club of Abilene to lunch to thank them for generosity through the years. The club sent what would have been the cost of the meals at the Country Club to the ranch. It was a win-

SPIRITUAL AIMS

By Mark Hoover

Weekly Verse

*"How great is Your goodness,
which You have stored up for those who fear You,
which You bestow in the sight of men
on those who take refuge in You."*

-Psalm 31:19

Weekly Quote

*"God has wisely kept us in the dark concerning
future events and reserved for himself the
knowledge of them, that he may train us up in
a dependence upon himself and a continued
readiness for every event."*

-Matthew Henry

Weekly Thought

Duties are ours, events are God's; When our faith goes to meddle with events, and to hold account upon God's Providence, and begins to say, "How will You do this or that?" we lose ground; we have nothing to do there; it is our part to let the Almighty exercise His own office, and steer His own helm; there is nothing left for us, but to see how we may be approved of Him, and how we roll the weight of our weak souls upon Him who is God omnipotent.

Lord, We know that there are so many things we can't control—but You can. Help us to do Your will and entrust ourselves to Your care. Amen.

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Marion "Lew" Lewis - Vice President
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