

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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MELVIN MARTIN FIRST RESPONDER AWARD PROGRAM

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, September 10th



This week is one of the most special programs of the Kiwanis Year. We will present the seventh annual Melvin Martin First Responder Award. This award expresses our thanks to those who protect us on a daily basis.

Our speaker this year will be Sheriff Ricky Bishop. Ricky Bishop became Taylor County Sheriff in January 2013 and has been employed with the Taylor County Sheriff's Office since December 1999. Sheriff Bishop worked in corrections, patrol and investigations divisions. He served as the Arson Investigator for Taylor County. He currently serves as the Fire Chief for the View Volunteer Fire Department.

Sheriff Bishop holds current certifications in Advanced Peace Officer Certification, Basic Jailer's Certification, Basic Arson Investigator Certification, Emergency Care Attendant Certification and an Accredited Advanced Firefighter Certification.

He is a member of the State Fireman and Fire Marshal's Association as well as the Texas Fire Marshal's Association. In 2009 he received the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award which was presented by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #6873 and in 2010 received the Fireman of the Year award presented by View Volunteer Fire Department.

Notice of Called Election Wednesday, September 10th, 2014 to vote on amendments to our By-Laws. This is an important vote. Make plans to attend this very important meeting.



Annette Collins led the opening prayer.



Rhonda Johnson was co-presenter of the program.



Chris Carnohan was also a presenter of our program.



Ellen Brawley was a guest of Chris Carnohan.



Remy Locascio was a guest of Gary Bomar.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting

September 3rd, 2014

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Mark Hoover
Prayer.....	Annette Collins
Music.....	Randy Williams
Piano.....	Jamie Breed
Pledge.....	Melvin Martin
Guests.....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Cup Money.....	\$36.56
Brag Money(Lew Lewis).....	\$11.00

In our prayers

Gary Poynor is having some voice issues.

Dub Pritchett had surgery on August 27th.

Continue to lift him in prayer. 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
Remy Locascio	Gary Bomar
Ellen Brawley	Chris Carnohan
Joan Batson	David Batson

Program

Chris Carnohan and Rhonda Johnson presented a very informative program on illegal exploitation of the elderly. Rhonda works for Davis Kinard and shared she enjoyed working with numbers and solving problems. She spoke on different types of fraud. We learned of the "dirty dozen" tax schemes published annually. One scheme to keep in mind is that the IRS does not communicate via email and rarely calls tax payers. The elderly are primary targets and fraudsters know this very well. She stated she reviewed the dirty dozen list for 2014 and that 6 of the 12 had come across her desk during the year. Her word of caution: -Identity Theft - don't give your social security number out by phone, email or use

it as a password. The best defense is to make sure your loved ones are aware of potential schemes and options available and make certain they have trusted advisors.

Chris Carnohan communicated that the Texas Estate Code replaced Probate Law last January and is an improvement for Texas citizens. His advice:

- Take advantage of "today" and do not wait to plan for the future or prepare for unexpected life changes. As long as your brain is functioning, make it work to your advantage.

- Who can direct how your estate should be set up better than you? Family means well, but often times their plans to do not align with your own. Make it clear for them while you can.

- Planning in advance means you can expect better results.

He gave pointed examples and closed with a reminder:

- Proper prior planning prevents pitifully poor performance!

President Mark Hoover thanked Rhonda and Chris for presenting a very interesting program and communicated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in their honor which helps fund scholarships for students.

Closing quote from John Wanamaker: "Gratitude takes three forms; A feeling in the heart, an expression in words, and a giving in return." Be grateful Kiwanians, and continue to give, changing your community and the lives of children, one child and one community at a time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER!

Called Election Wednesday September 10th, 2014 to vote on amendments to our By-Laws. This is an important vote. Please make plans to attend this very important meeting.

WE NEED YOU!

President Elect, Jamie Breed wants to hear from you. Let her know what committees you are interested in serving on in 2014-2015. There are two new committees this year, Key Club (for students 14 to 18 years of age in the Abilene area) and B.U.G's (Bringing Up Grades, a new program at Reagan Elementary School, which is in addition to the Reading at Reagan program). Let us know if

you are interested in learning more. This is a great opportunity to get involved. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Wednesday meeting, however if you cannot attend, please contact Jamie. You can help us make a difference in the community, one child and one community at a time!

Club Satellite



President Hoover bragged on the Kiwanis Club of Abilene members who attended the Club Satellite meeting on Tuesday September 2nd. This was a very interesting program as Walt Roetter, the Texas Oklahoma District Chair for Key Club spoke on ways to make Key Club a success, how to charter, roles/responsibilities of the students and the Kiwanis club, resources, etc. Walt has extensive experience working with Key Clubs and is a long time Kiwanian. Walt traveled from Kerrville to bring this program to us.

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.

CALENDAR

- September 9th Division 35 Council Meeting – Al's Mesquite Grill
- September 18 Board Meeting – Bogies Sandwich Shop 12:00noon
- September 24th – CELEBRATION MEETING (final meeting of 2013-2014 Kiwanis Year)
- October 7th – Club Satellite 6:00pm Martinez Boys and Girls Club, 1301 Clinton Street

Kiwanis Through the Years: 1988

- Police Lt. Melvin Martin became the club president on Oct. 1, 1987. Carl Brown from the Clyde Club is the Lt. Governor for Division



Joan Batson was a guest of David Batson.

35. Arthur D. Swanberg, trustee for Kiwanis International, spoke to our club on the Major Emphasis Program of Kiwanis International "Our Quest: Their Best."

- Roy Lewis presented from the members of the club \$728 to the hostesses of Briarstone Manor.
- Dale Hill, Chairman of the Membership Development Committee announced a membership drive January 6. Goal is to induct 60 new members by Feb. 28.
- The Annual Valentine's Banquet was held on Feb. 11 at Briarstone. Mike Singleton is the coordinator. Earl Williams shared "Reflections on Sweethearts". Ron Keener presented the 1987-88 Kiwanian of the Year Award to J. C. McCurdy.
- The membership of the club voted to change the by-laws of the club on February 24, 1988 to reflect these changes: 1. Increase the number of directors from 8 to 12. 2. Increase the number of Vice Presidents from 3 to 4. 3. All references to gender be substituted with the word person.



The Club Satellite with backpacks and school supplies collected for needy children.

SPIRITUAL AIMS

By Mark Hoover

Weekly Verse

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

- Romans 12:11-12

Weekly Quote

"God is the only one who can make the valley of trouble a door of hope."

- Catherine Marshall

Weekly Thought

Think about it. If you had everything you wanted, if there were no challenges in your life, if you didn't have any questions about why things are the way they are, and if you didn't feel there was something for you to accomplish that is bigger than your abilities, then what would you have to hope for? Nothing, of course. You would already have everything.

We know that's not the way the world works—but sometimes we act and feel as though that's exactly what we believe. We seem surprised by problems and challenges.

We live in a fallen world with fallen people. That accounts for so many of the trials we face. But beyond that, God wants us to live in reliance on Him. For that reason, He doesn't grant our every wish and give us everything our heart desires exactly when we want it. He wants us to grow in the ways that really matter—patience, kindness, self-control, and other fruits of the spirit.

Don't have everything you want right now? Well, that gives you something to hope for!

Lord, as we work and wait for various blessings in our lives, help us to grow in character and maturity. Amen.

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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
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Faye Dodson - Secretary
Kimberley Cole - Foundation Advisor

2013-2014 DIRECTORS

Two Year:	One Year:
Cynthia Laster	Christine Curtis-Carr
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