

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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DOWNING A. BOLLS, JR.

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, November 5th



Downing was born on April 30, 1950 in Biloxi, Mississippi. He was raised in a military family, allowing him to experience much of the world first hand while growing up. Downing graduated from Burkburnett High School in 1968 and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps immediately after high school where he served until 1972. He went to McMurry College for a year before transferring to Southwest Texas State University majoring in Journalism and minored in Political Science. Upon graduation from college, he returned to Abilene and worked at KFMN Radio before becoming a news reporter for KRBC Radio in October, 1976. Downing spent 33 years with KRBC Radio and Television. In 2006, he received his Master's Degree in Conflict Resolution from ACU. In 2010, he was elected Taylor County Judge where he continues to serve.

Downing is married to Debbie, and they have two grown children. As County Judge, Downing has served on numerous boards and committees including the Taylor County Juvenile Board, Mental Health Task Force, Abilene/Taylor County Venue Tax Board, Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, and many others. He is an Elder at Brookhollow Christian Church and a member of the Abilene Southwest Rotary Club.

Every year, property owners in Taylor County pay taxes that are set by the Taylor County Commissioner's Court based on values established by the Central Tax Appraisal District. Very few citizens, however, understand how the tax rate is set and why. In our program this week, Judge Bolls will discuss the County Budgetary Process and how the Commissioners' Court determines the next year's budget and sets a tax rate.



Jamie Breed presided over the meeting.



Clinton Nix led the singing.



Jerry Carter welcomed our guests.



Russell Berry introduced the program.



Laura Moore presented the program.



Emerald Cassidy assisted with the program.



President Jamie Breed presented Immediate Past President Mark Hoover with a bound edition of the Kiwanigrams from the year of his presidency.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
Weekly Meeting
October 29th, 2014
Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....Jamie Breed
Prayer.....Gary Poynor
Music.....Clinton Nix
Piano.....Lora Lynn Christensen
Pledge.....Price Brock
Guests.....Jerry Carter
Cup Money.....\$29.00
Brag Money(Chris Carnohan).....\$8.00

In our prayers

Continue to remember: Edith Smith who had pacemaker surgery on October 22nd. Pray for continued healing. Remember Joan, wife of George Knight

Marilyn Goodin, wife of Jeff Goodin had a stroke while in Las Vegas. Remember to pray for Marilyn in the coming days. Hopefully Marilyn will be returning to Abilene on Monday November 3rd.

Remember in prayer former member, John Landry who had knee replacement surgery recently. John had surgery again on the knee on October 22nd.

Remember Marty Anderson as she undergoes medical tests in the coming weeks.

Guests

Guest.....Member
Jean Batson.....David Batson
Emerald Cassidy (Marketing Director of the Grace Museum).....Club Guest

Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene Guests: Gene Linder, Steven Leggett, Gary and Gail Jay

Program

Russell Berry introduced Laura Moore as the speaker on October 29th.

Laura, who is the Executive Director of The Grace Museum, was assisted by Emerald Cassidy. Laura shared many historical facts about The Grace including that the building was built in 1909 as a hotel. In 1992 renovation began at a cost of \$5,000,000.00. Today the museum has a tremendous outreach, not only in the Big Country community, but also through its long-distance learning programs. We learned the museum houses

ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus



Model Club Goal: \$71,250
Percent of Goal Met: 30.8%
Contributions: \$ 21,956.60
Zeller Fellows: 7
Pledged Zellers: 13
Model Club Members: 2
Number of lives saved: 12,198 @ \$1.80 per shot series

over 18,000 objects in a permanent collection and funding comes from grants and community partners. Laura also shared information regarding numerous events that occur throughout the year including that on Thursday evenings the museum is open at no cost to visitors. Check out their website at <http://thegracemuseum.org/> for more information. The outreach is truly amazing as you realize they partner with the Dallas Museum of Art and have a free reciprocal program to more than 700 museums nationwide.

President Jamie Breed thanked Laura for the informative program and communicated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in her honor to help fund scholarships for students.

KIWANIANS: LOVE IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Reagan Elementary is collecting box tops for education. Let's help them by bringing those box tops throughout the year.

Interclub Meeting

Members attending an Interclub meeting at the Greater Abilene Kiwanis Club on October 30th were:

Keith Garner
Russell Berry
Charles Ellis
Donald McDonald
Dick Kincaid

Road Trip!

Lt. Governor William Smith is calling all Kiwanians from Division 35 that can to travel to Comanche on Tuesday November 18th. This will be a lunch meeting for the Kiwanis Club of Comanche at which time we will present a Zeller Award from Division 35 in memory of Dr. Russell Reynolds who was killed in a fireworks explosion on July 4th 2014. Let Jamie Breed or William Smith know if you can attend.

Congratulations



President-elect Christine Curtis-Carr was recognized as one of the 20 under 40 upcoming business professionals in Abilene. The article recognizing Christine was in the Abilene Reporter News on Sunday October 26th. We couldn't be prouder Christine!

The Division 35 Fund Raiser

The Division 35 Fund Raiser Concert by the Abilene Community Band on Tuesday October 28th was a wonderful success. Not only was the music great, more than \$6,000.00 was raised from this event. The good news is this completes the commitment made by the Division to raise \$50,000.00 toward a room at Hendrick Medical Center. Congratulations Division 35!

Governor's News

Save the date now for Governor Colleen's visit to the Big Country with Divisions 12, 22 and 35 on Saturday, February 21, 2015 in Early, Texas.

To reduce travel expenses, T/O will hold three (3) Mid-Year Conferences in three different cities. Hours are 10 – 2 PM. They are:

Heartland - Oklahoma City - Saturday 1/17/2015
Metroplex - DFW Metroplex - Saturday 2/7/2015
South Texas - San Antonio - Saturday 3/14/2015

TX/OK Convention will be held in Texarkana, TX August 7 thru 9, 2015. Ironically, Texarkana will also celebrate their 100 years anniversary!

Perfect Attendance: October 2014

Tim Adcock	William Hoogstra
Mado Assani	Mark Hoover
David Bacon	David Jones
Russell Berry	Richard Kincaid
Curtis Blackburn	Charles Kirkpatrick
Michelle Brasher	Cynthia Laster
Jamie Breed	Dennis Laster
Zach Briley	Carl Lockett
Price Brock	Guy Lucas
Chris Carnohan	Amanda Martin
Brandon Carr	Donald McDonald
Lora Lynn Christensen	Nancy Miller
Roy Cloud	Clinton Nix
Christine Curtis-Carr	Gary Poynor
Faye Dodson	Kenneth Poynor
Gordon Dowell	Robert Pritz
Charles Ellis	Donald Scargall
James Floyd	William A Smith
Sarah Franz	Earl Williams
Key Gantt	Randy Williams
Keith Garner	Amanda Wiskow
Gayla Gill	Twyla Young

CALENDAR

- November 4th – Club Satellite 6:00pm
Martinez Boys and Girls Club, 1301 Clinton Street
- November 18th – Interclub to Kiwanis Club Comanche
- November 20th – Board Meeting – 12:00noon
Bogies Sandwich Shop
- February 21, 2015 – Governor's Visit for Divisions 12, 22 and 35 – Early, Texas
- June 25–28, 2015 – Kiwanis International Convention 100th Anniversary Celebration, Indianapolis, Indiana
- August 7 – 9th 2015 – Tx/Ok Convention – Texarkana, TX

MEASURED PROGRESS: FEWER BABIES DIE FROM TETANUS



Fewer babies are dying from neonatal tetanus thanks to Kiwanis International, UNICEF and its partners.

One baby now dies every 11 minutes from neonatal tetanus—a 15 percent drop from 2010 to 2013. Approximately 9,000 fewer babies die each year—25 fewer each day—from neonatal tetanus according to a new report published by the Child Health Epidemiology Reference Group.

“It is not a coincidence that the drop occurs during the exact same timeframe Kiwanis assumed a leadership role in helping to close a funding gap that was preventing our ability to immunize mothers against this deadly disease,” says Caryl Stern, President and CEO of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF.

“Seeing this measured progress is indeed an exciting and proud moment for the Kiwanis family,” says Randy DeLay, Campaign Chairman for The Eliminate Project.

Fewer neonatal tetanus deaths can be credited to the joint efforts of those who support the MNT elimination program. Kiwanis, through The Eliminate Project, helps fund UNICEF’s immunization campaigns and outreach to women of reproductive age.

“Seeing this reduction is gratifying, but the fact that 49,000 newborns are dying each year is unacceptable. We are grateful for partners like that Kiwanis that put children first among their priorities,” adds Stern. “We will keep working until the day that no mom has to worry about losing her baby to

tetanus.”

The Kiwanis family is a catalyst to reduce infant mortality, but we are not done. Approximately 134 newborns still die every day from tetanus. Millions of women and babies in 24 countries still need our support.

“Although we have much to celebrate, we must not rest on our successes,” adds DeLay. “Our wonderful partners at UNICEF continue to carry out immunization activities. The faster they receive our contributions, the faster those urgently-needed funds can be used.”

Now is the time to take action. Empower your club. Give today. Help the Kiwanis family put tetanus where it belongs: in medical history books.

Kiwanis Through the Years: 1962

- Raymond Fain was introduced by Henry McGinty as the new Scoutmaster for Troop 6 which is sponsored by the club.
- Jim Griggs was the first new member to be introduced in 1962.
- The Kiwanigram cost the club \$21.00 per week to get printed.
- Reed Ingalsbe read a Resolution of Respect to Claude Willis. Claude “Skipper” was a great Kiwanian and was noted for being principal at College Heights School, Sea Scout Skipper and director of the water safety program at Camp Tonkawa.
- The club held a recognition program for the basketball coaches of the various schools of the city.
- The club awarded \$400 to support the high school science fair program.
- Clive Pierce was chosen to head up the ticket sales portion of the Pancake supper which is scheduled for April 24 in Rose Field House. The Mayor and County Judge has issued a Proclamation that April 24 be set aside as KIWANIS PANCAKE FESTIVAL DAY. Six batter dispensers were purchased. Three new pancake griddles were built by Raymond McDaniel and Nib Shaw using materials donated by the Central Texas Iron Works and the facilities of the Texas Coca Cola Bottling Co. Aunt Jemima was an outstanding guest at the Festival. Ticket sales added up to 9,812 with an income of \$4,903.17 and a profit of \$3,504.89.

SPIRITUAL AIMS

By LaZuiera Gantt

The Waiting Room

On Thursday, I had a pretty serious doctor's appointment that was intended to answer some health concerns that I had. As I sat anxiously in the waiting room for my name to be called, my mind began to wonder about all of the possible answers that I might receive in the next hour or so. I began to feel unsettled and uptight. I even had the nerve to internally complain, grumble and put on a pity party right there in the waiting room. Then I looked over at a friend of mine who had accompanied me to my appointment. She had just had her own waiting room experience in which she had to have her head and neck poked with twelve needles the day before. The difference between me and her, was her attitude. Still in pain from her procedure, she sat next to me the biggest smile on her face as if nothing had happened to her twenty four hours ago. She clearly could have been upset and annoyed with her health situation, but she chose to thank God for his

provision and His healing.

Witnessing this made me think of the scripture, Philippians 4:6 "do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." My friend has an unshakeable faith in God that no matter what, HE will work things out for her, so she chooses to dismiss the need to be anxious, or pout. By her example, I immediately changed my entire mindset and began to thank God for what He was going to do with my health concerns and when the nurse called my name to be examined, I was able to walk through those doors with a calming peace and confidence that everything would be fine. The next time you find yourself in the "waiting room" of life, remember to leave the anxiety at the door, stay in a state of prayer and thanksgiving and walk boldly through those waiting room doors, knowing that God will supply all of your needs.

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