

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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SPECIAL EDITION



**There will be no meeting this week.
Enjoy the following special edition.
Have a great Thanksgiving!**



WALTER ZELLER FELLOWSHIP AWARD



family members were in attendance as well, and all of them were deeply moved by the presentation made by Will and Nancy who emphasized that the award represented enough serum to immunize 690 women from tetanus, preventing a painful death from tetanus for their newborns. Also present was Francine Eikner, the Texas-Oklahoma coordinator for The Eliminate Project.



On Tuesday, November 18, eight members of our club, along with members of the Greater Abilene club, attended the Kiwanis Club of Comanche's noon meeting. Division 35 Lt. Governor William Smith, assisted by former Texas-Oklahoma Governor Nancy Miller, presented the Walter Zeller Fellowship award to Kiwanian Sherry Reynolds of the Comanche club in honor of her late husband, Russell Reynolds. Dr. Reynolds died on July 3 in an explosion while helping set up for the Kiwanis annual Independence Day fireworks show.

The Walter Zeller Fellowship award, which represents a donation of \$1,250 to The Eliminate Project, was funded by donations from our club, the Greater Abilene club, and the Kiwanis Club of Denton. Dr. Reynolds's parents, brother and other

Those in attendance from the Kiwanis Club of Abilene included President Jamie Breed, Will Smith, Nancy Miller, Richard Kincaid, PP Kaikratoke, Kelly Jones, and Margaret and Bill Hoogstra.

Thanks to David Bacon, our publicity chairman, and Bruce Campbell from the Greater Abilene Club, there was wonderful press and TV coverage of the event as well. It was truly a great day to be a Kiwanian!



Kiwanis Club of Abilene Recognizes Two at Reagan Elementary



Club President Jamie Breed and Kiwanian PP Kaikratoke presented the first BUG honor roll certificates to two third grade students at Reagan Elementary on November 20th. The BUG program, which stands for Bringing Up Grades, was started for the first time this year by our club at Reagan Elementary. Jamie Breed challenged the third grade students last month to work hard and try to maintain their grades from the first six weeks to the 2nd six weeks PLUS bring up at least one grade. Two students qualified for the BUG Honor Roll for the 2nd six weeks: Caeden Hunter and Skylar Taylor. Caeden and Skylar received certificates, an I LOVE

BUGS! pin to wear, and had their pictures taken to be on display on a decorated bulletin board in the 3rd grade hallway. We look forward to recognizing many more students when the 3rd six weeks grades come out. Students earn a BUG ticket for each time they make the BUG honor roll, and at the end of school there will be an ice cream sundae party for all of the students who made the BUG honor roll at least one time during the year. They can present their BUG tickets at the party for additional fun and yummy toppings on their ice cream – all “bug” related! (Think gummy worms, etc.)



CALENDAR

- December 2nd – Club Satellite 6:00pm meeting has been CANCELLED
- December 11 Club Satellite Christmas party at 6:00, 1301 Clinton St. There will be a potluck supper and members are asked to bring a gift item for four children who have been adopted by the club.
- CANCELLED MEETINGS: November 26, December 24th and December 31st

- December 18, 2015 – Board Meeting – 12:00noon Bogies Sandwich Shop
- February 21, 2015 – Governor’s Visit for Divisions 12, 22 and 35 – Abilene
- June 25–28, 2015 – Kiwanis International Convention 100th Anniversary Celebration, Indianapolis, Indiana
- August 7 – 9th 2015 – Tx/Ok Convention – Texarkana, TX

In our prayers

Marty Anderson is home from the hospital and got a good report from her recent surgery. Pray for her as she still faces another surgery soon.

Dub Pritchett is home from the hospital but continues to need our prayers.

Bill Hoogstra has shingles. Please remember him in prayer.

Continue to remember: Edith Smith who had pacemaker surgery on October 22nd. Pray for

continued healing.

Remember Joan, wife of George Knight.

Remember Donna King as she continues to have medical testing.

Marilyn Goodin, wife of Jeff Goodin had a stroke while in Las Vegas. Praise that Marilyn is back in Abilene.

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

KEY CLUB OF ABILENE IN FULL SWING!



SPIRITUAL AIMS

By LaZuena Gantt

Thanksgiving

It's that time of year again. I don't know about you, but I have so much to be thankful for. I have a merciful Savior, a wonderful family, an awesome career, good health, a warm, cozy home, an amazing church family and lastly, the cutest little Shorkie in all of Abilene, Texas! I am truly blessed. But as I reflect on all that I have been blessed with, I can't help but to think of a time or two, when I didn't say thank you to the one who's provided me with all that I've been given. As an educator, there are times that I have gone out of my way for my students. I have spent countless weekend hours editing their college essays, or skipped personal events to help them with personal problems or even used some of my own money to invest in their fundraising efforts. And, there have been several times that those same students that I went out of my way for, failed to say

thank you, which resulted in hurt feelings on my end. To add insult to injury, some of those students expected me to go out of my way and thought that it was my job to go above and beyond for them. Now these expectations on their end did not and to this day does not change my love for them. In fact, I continue to do what I can for my students because I genuinely care about them. However, I believe that God feels the same way when we don't take the time to stop and say thank you for all of the many blessings that He provides for us on a daily basis. I know I've been guilty of "expecting" certain things from Him, not realizing that I am owed nothing. Thank God we serve a gracious Father who loves us unconditionally regardless of our unthankful ways at times. As we begin the season of giving, let us remember to recognize the source in which our many blessings come from for He loves to hear our praise. Happy Thanksgiving!

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Roy Dent	Marty Anderson
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November 21, 2014

Dear Kiwanians:

Our club was recently notified that there will be some significant changes at the Abilene Country Club effective January 1. We currently pay \$12.56 per meal – a base price of \$10 and an additional \$2.56 per meal for tax and gratuity. We pay no extra charge for use of the ballroom. We only pay for meals eaten, regardless how many people attend the meeting. Those on Senior status and those who are Associate members only receive one meal a month from their dues. If they eat more than once a month, they pay \$10 for the meal.

Effective January 1, 2015:

The base price for meals will be \$10.95 plus an extra \$2.87 for tax and gratuity for a total of \$13.82 per meal. However, this total will no longer include tea and coffee. If we request to have urns of tea and coffee set up at the back of the room, there will be an additional charge of \$2.00 per person for everyone present, whether they drink the tea and/or coffee or not. When you figure in tax and gratuity, that brings the total price of the meal to \$16.32.

They will no longer allow us to give them the number of meals that are consumed. Instead, their staff will count the number of people present for the meeting and charge \$13.82 per person (or \$16.82 per person if tea and coffee are provided) whether they ate or not.

We have to guarantee a certain number of meals per week and pay for that number of meals whether we have that many people show up or not. If we exceed the guaranteed number, we pay for each additional meal. We will be charged a \$25 fee for the use of the ballroom each Wednesday. If we exceed the number we had turned in and additional tables have to be set up, we will be charged \$25 plus tip for each additional table.

We will no longer have use of the storage room at the top of the stairs by the elevator.

The Board is looking into this, but we wanted to let the members be aware of what has been presented to us.

Sincerely,

Jamie Breed