

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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KIWANIS "IN THE MOOD FOR CHRISTMAS"

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, December 3rd



One of the things that I love about the Kiwanis Club of Abilene is how much we love to sing. In fact, one of the most frequent comments made by those who visit our club is how good the singing is. We are blessed to have a good number of singer and instrumentalists who love to share their gift. This week we will be entertained by several members of our club who will help us usher in the Christmas Spirit through song. Come join us and bring someone with you. You won't be disappointed!



Jamie Breed presided over the meeting.



Carl Lockett leads the prayer.



Don Scargall directing music.



Lew Lewis leading the pledge.



Michelle Brasher with the Brag Basket.



Guinn Smith greeting guests.



Randy Williams introduced the speaker.



Gaye Lynn Williams presented the program.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
 Weekly Meeting
 November 19th, 2014
 Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....Jamie Breed
 Prayer.....Carl Lockett
 Music.....Don Scargall
 Piano.....Lora Lynn Christensen
 Pledge.....Lew Lewis
 Guests.....Guinn Smith
 Cup Money.....\$43.07
 Bag Money(Michelle Brasher-Young).....\$41.00

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.

Guests

Guest.....Member
 Kristen PierceRandy Williams
 John ThomasClub Guest
 Pete Young.....Michelle Brasher-Young

James Estes from Greater Abilene Club

Program

Randy Williams presented his precious wife, Gaye Lynn Williams as the speaker on November 19th. Gaye Lynn began her delightful program by asking each person present to write something they were thankful for on sheets of paper she provided. She went on to describe what an Ebenezer was and directed us to I Samuel 7:12 which reads: "Samuel then took a large stone and placed it between the towns of Mizpah and Jeshanah. He named it

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

Ebenezer (which means "the stone of help"), for he said, "Up to this point the LORD has helped us!". She communicated that the word Ebenezer is found in the Bible one time. In the passage above, Samuel placed those stones to remind the people of the Glory of the Lord. She shared additional examples of Ebenezers, such as the Plymouth Rock in Plymouth, Massachusetts. At this season of Thanksgiving we need to remember the blessings our Lord has poured out on us. Gaye Lynn shared her family's tradition at Christmas of using the gift wrap after all the presents are unwrapped to build an Ebenezer of remembrance. In conclusion each table was asked to "build a stone of remembrance" at their tables using the sheets of paper provided at the beginning of her presentation. Gaye Lynn has written a book titled "The Christmas Ebenezer Book of Remembrance". The book would make a great gift or be excellent tools for group study. Contact Gaye Lynn or Randy to learn more.

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

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.

Pancake Dollars

Charles Ellis, Chairman of the Boys & Girls Committee presented \$500.00 in Pancake Dollars to John Thomas for the 8th annual Joseph Thomas Triathlon.

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 Abilene, 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!

New Members Inducted!

Wow what a great day for celebrating as we inducted FIVE new Kiwanians! Those new members are:

- Monroe Nevels sponsored by Jamie Breed
- Sara Collins sponsored by Chris Carnohan
- Rod Weeks sponsored by Kelly Jones

New Club Satellite members:

- Kyle Wiskow sponsored by Amanda Wiskow
- Michael Trook sponsored by Amanda Wiskow

You will enjoy getting to know each of these new members. Monroe and Rod are former members. Monroe has an interesting story you will want to hear and is a consultant with the Nevels Group. Rod is retired from the USAF and is already working with the Ramp Committee. We are so glad they are back with us. Sara is CEO of a non-profit organization, "Reach for a Difference". We hope to learn more about Sara and the organization soon. Kyle is married to Amanda Wiskow and is the Chief Academic Officer for AISD. Michael also works for AISD and serves as the Dean of Holland Health Sciences.

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

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

Perfect Attendance November 2014

Tim Adcock	Ashley Larry
Michelle Brasher	Nancy Miller
Jamie Breed	Gary Poynor
Brandon Carr	William A Smith
Christine Curtis-Carr	Becky Spargo
Charles Ellis	Dusty West
Key Gantt	Amanda Wiskow
Keith Garner	Mark Young
Gayla Gill	Twyla Young
John Hewitt	Michael Trook
Mark Hoover	Kyle Wiskow
Richard Kincaid	

Kiwanis Through the Years: 1947

- Meeting Place: Wooten Hotel
- Charter Anniversary Program was held on Thursday evening, May 15, 1947, 8 P.M.; Iris Graham Memorial Hall, McMurry Campus.
- A trip through West Texas towns was organized by the club to promote the West Texas Fair in Abilene.
- Club gave \$200 to the Milk Fund and pledged \$50 monthly for October, November and December. This money is collected each week in the Milk Fund Bottles at the club meeting. Usually get \$15 or \$20 each week.
- Ft. Worth Club visited Abilene Club on Oct. 29, 1947. Some came by auto, and some on a DC3 to the Airport as an Inter-club in response to the Inter-club Abilene had on June 5.
- At the end of October, 1947 the Club had 166 members.
- The Club sponsors a Boy Scout Troop, an Explorer Post and a film used for the promotion of Camp Tonkawa.
- Pictures were taken for a pictorial year book where every member's picture is placed in a small ring binder. This was a very successful venture that was carried on for several years until about 1957 when Mel Thurman owner of the Thurman Photography Co. sold out to Roberts Studio.

SPIRITUAL AIMS

By Randy Williams

Thanksgiving is over and now we turn our thoughts to Christmas. What can we give to those we care about and what might we receive? And we will no doubt hear the phrase to "remember the reason for the season". It is important that we remember that before we knew God or understood His ways, He had prepared something very special for us. I would call it the "Gift of Faith". We didn't realize that we needed this gift but He did. He knew we needed to trust in His Son, Jesus. Sometimes it is difficult to receive a present; we would rather work for it or earn it. But faith is not something we can

earn. He purchased the gift of faith for us with the blood of His own Son. Because He loves us, it has been His joy to plan this present for us. Because He treasures us. He wanted to give us what is precious and valuable. So, He took this gift of faith, wrapped it in His mercy and grace, and tied the package with His love. We Kiwanians were built for service to others. Just as the Father gave us a gift that came from Himself, we must give from and of ourselves. That's how we will "Change the World One Child and One Community at a Time". Show that you cherish the gift by passing it forward.

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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. LOVE IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT!

2014-2015 OFFICERS

Jamie Breed - President
Mark Hoover - Immediate Past President
Christine Curtis-Carr - President-Elect
David Jones - Vice President
Guy Lucas - Vice President
Tim Adcock - Treasurer
Faye Dodson - Secretary
Kimberley Cole - Foundation Advisor

2014-2015 DIRECTORS

Two Year:	One Year:
Roy Dent	Marty Anderson
Charles Ellis	Cynthia Laster
Keith Garner	Gary Poynor
Clinton Nix	John Snapp
	Ashley Larry



**Joseph
Thomas**
FOUNDATION

EIN: 26-2569438

November 21, 2014

Attn: Mark Hoover
Kiwanis
Abilene, TX

Dear Mark:

The \$500.00 Silver level donation for the Joseph Thomas Foundation is a blessing to the medically fragile children of our communities and their families. Your gift makes a difference as we work to help meet the immediate needs of these families, as well as the children themselves, in our community.

It is truly a blessing that you are willing to help us as we provide them with the necessities that these children need when other avenues of assistance fail. The supplies and assistance provided to these families will make a big difference in the day-to-day care of their children. For many, our assistance provides an opportunity to bring a child home from the hospital with the equipment needed. We change lives for the better with your help.

Sincerely,



Roenna Thomas, Secretary
Joseph Thomas Foundation

Pursuant to internal revenue code requirements for substantiation of charitable gifts, the Joseph Thomas Foundation provided no goods or services in return for this contribution.

Receipt Date: 11/21/14
Receipt No.: 389
Gift of: \$500.00
From: Kiwanis of Abilene