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The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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CHRIS AND TRACY KING: PASSION FOR HAITI

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, January 14th



Tracy and her husband, Chris, along with their five children live in Dripping Springs, TX. Prior to living in Dripping Springs, their family spent almost two years on the mission field living in Haiti. Upon moving back to the states, Tracy accepted a position with Baptist Haiti Mission (BHM), an organization that was founded in 1948 in the mountains of Haiti. BHM exists to serve people and encourage discipleship for the development of the church. As the US Child Sponsorship Representative, Tracy has the opportunity to travel back and forth to Haiti and use her time in the states advocating for students and schools in Haiti. Tracy and her husband are both certified teachers, and they believe in the power of a quality education to help the country of Haiti move in a direction of sustainability.

Program information:

Tracy enjoys sharing her experiences of living and working in Haiti with various groups and organizations. She believes that making a difference begins with awareness. Many statistics and personal stories allow her to provide a picture of Haiti that encourages all of us to take a look at our own hearts and lives. Lack of education, corruption in government, malnutrition, and high percentages of orphans can all seem overwhelming, but there is always hope. The people of Haiti have shared their wisdom, strength, and perseverance to continue striving for more with Tracy and her family. And that is gift that the King family will treasure and hold close forever.



Jamie Breed
presiding.



Robert Pritz
led the opening
prayer.



Nancy Miller led
the singing.



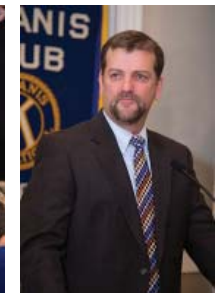
Keith Garner
introduced the
guests.



Earl Williams gave
a gumball report.



Randy Williams
introduced our
program.



Jay Evans
presented our
program.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
Weekly Meeting
January 7th, 2015
Abilene Country Club



Led Meeting	Jamie Breed
Prayer	Robert Pritz
Music.....	Nancy Miller
Piano	Lora Lynn Christensen
Pledge.....	Donna King
Guests.....	Keith Garner
Cup Money	\$40.53
Brag Money	\$6.00
Eliminate Cup Money from Club Satellite	\$7.35

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

In our prayers

Remember Dub Pritchett, John Landry, Edith Smith, Marty Anderson and Donna King in prayer
Remember Margaret Hoogstra who is struggling with back pain
Remember Joan, wife of George Knight and Marilyn, wife of Jeff Goodin
Remember to Thank Our Lord for the many blessings He pours out on us and be grateful
Former longtime club member Marvin Beauchamp's widow died. Be in prayer for the Beauchamp family.

Guests

Guest.....Member
Bruce and Jane Evans.....Nancy Miller

Program

Randy Williams introduced Jay Evans as the speaker on January 7th. As president elect of the Expo Center, Jay provided an update on the proposed Expo Facilities Improvements. He brought to our attention the changes in visitor expectations that have occurred in recent years. The original purpose of the facilities committee was to evaluate the facilities and determine how it can continue to be available and attract visitors to the Expo Center. We compete with other communities such as Waco, Wichita Falls, Midland, Odessa and even smaller communities like Hico, and yes even Ft Worth when we try to attract events. Communities realize the economic impact these types of facilities bring, thus important to consider. The Expo Center's 117 acre facility brings approximately \$20 million to Abilene annually, certainly not a small number and others are interested in attracting events to their facilities for that very reason. Upgrades include:

- New livestock barn. While we can provide 900 stalls today, major upgrades are needed. This would be a stall barn as well as a show arena.
 - Remove existing stall barn and move mid-way
 - New multi-use arena – 5500 seat indoor arena including covered walk ways and would house all dirt floor events. The coliseum was never designed to have dirt in it. The new arena would free up 26 weekends per year where the coliseum would be freed up for the types of events it was intended for. Events could go on simultaneously.
 - Horse barn - repurposed for a maintenance facility
 - Update coliseum
- The committee expects to present recommendations to the commissioners court in March of 2015.

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

KIWANIANS: LOVE IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers Needed

In preparation for the WTRC Telethon on January 17, the Rehab Phonathon will be held on January 14th and 15th from 5:30-9:00. Contact Don Paige or Jamie to represent our club as a volunteer on one or both nights.

Reagan Elementary School needs volunteers to help on Friday January 16th. They hope to host a carnival for students who have improved their behavior. Contact Jamie Breed for additional details.

NEW MEMBER

Welcome Ellen Jones, sponsored by Kelly Jones, as our newest member. Ellen, recently married to Kelly is originally from Michigan and is excited to become a Kiwanian!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Club Satellite Members, Becky Spargo and John Hewitt! Becky won the drawing at the January Club Satellite meeting for payment of her dues for the month of February. John Hewitt was the December winner.

Gumball Report by Earl Williams

Earl presented a check in the amount of \$315.96 from a reading of 259 gumball machines in December. We have 1,027 machines in operation at this time. Grand Total \$263,957.64!

Kiwanis Club of Directory

The 2014-2015 Kiwanis Club of Directory is available on line. Note the directory is password protected. Contact Faye Dodson for the User ID and password. Be sure to thank Charles Kirkpatrick for making this available.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

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

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!

A 100 Year Anniversary VIDEO Message from KI President John Button:

<http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanis100/resources/video-messages>



Jane and Bruce Evans, parents of our speaker, were guests today.

Perfect Attendance: December

Tim Adcock	Nancy Miller
Russell Berry	Gary Poynor
Jamie Breed	William A Smith
Chris Carnohan	John Snapp
Lora Lynn Christensen	Randy Williams
Christine Curtis-Carr	
Faye Dodson	<i>Club Satellite:</i>
Charles Ellis	Key Gantt
Keith Garner	Gayla Gill
William Hoogstra	John Hewitt
Mark Hoover	Ashley Larry
David Jones	

CALENDAR

- January 13th, 2015 – Division 35 Council Meeting 6:00 pm, Al's Mesquite Grill
- January 15th, 2015 – Board Meeting – 12:00noon Bogies Sandwich Shop
- February 3rd, 2015 – Club Satellite –6:00 pm Boys and Girls Club, 1301 Clinton St
- 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

Kiwanis Through the Years: 1931

- Donated \$15.00 to the annual Christmas Goodfellows Fund.
- Secured entrance for two children to Crippled Children's Hospital.
- Continued distribution of Milk and Ice to children of needy families.
- Year end membership 42



Ellen Jones was inducted as a new member this week. Her husband, Kelly Jones, is her sponsor.



Congratulations to James Hallmark for being recognized for 45 years of service to the West Texas Rehab Telethon.

SPIRITUAL AIMS

Have you ever been faced with a situation that seemed impossible? I haven't had many, but I have experienced a few of what seemed like to me impossible situations. Looking back, many of them weren't truly impossible, just me throwing a temper tantrum because I didn't get what I wanted, when I wanted. But there have been a few moments when situations with my health, my family, even my finances literally felt hopeless. I wish I could say that I remained positive and faithful every step of the way in each situation, but that is not the case. They definitely were roller coaster experiences. However, God always reminded me that He was in control and

By LaZuiera Gantt

He took care of every situation like only He does.

Many of you may be going through an impossible situation. Know that you're on the mind of God. Jeremiah 29:11 says "For I know the plans that I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." We must learn how to embrace "but God" times and understand that even if it doesn't look good now, it's working for our good. He is the same God who parted the Red Sea, fed the 5,000, turned water into wine, and He's the same God who will navigate us through our trials! Be blessed!

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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!

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David Jones - Vice President
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Faye Dodson - Secretary
Kimberley Cole - Foundation Advisor

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Charles Ellis
Keith Garner
Clinton Nix

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Cynthia Laster
Gary Poyner
John Snapp
Ashley Larry