

KIWANIGRAM

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CAN WE CURE CANCER LIKE THE COMMON COLD?

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, January 21st



Dr. Maciej Markiewski is the author of 47 scientific publications in highly ranked international journals. These included seven review articles and one book chapter. His work has been cited approximately 2000 times in recent few years. Dr. Markiewski is the inventor of two patents pertaining to anticancer therapy.

He received his M.D. in 1990 and Ph.D. in tumor pathology in 1995 from Pomeranian Medical University in Poland. He is also board certified in Anatomic Pathology and served as a histopathology consultant for several years prior to coming to the USA. His postdoctoral training in immunology was with in Dr. John Lambris' laboratory at the University of Pennsylvania where he later served as a research associate and a senior research investigator.

Dr. Markiewski's laboratory conducts research on roles of the complement system and innate immunity in the tumor microenvironment, cancer development and progression. He says they strive to develop new forms of cancer immunotherapy that target the complement system. His study published in Nature Immunology was the first one to demonstrate that the complement anaphylatoxin C5a promotes growth of malignant tumors. He and his team recently discovered that C5a receptor contributes to metastases and the premetastatic niche. These findings have shifted a paradigm related to the role of complement in cancer, as for decades it was thought that complement proteins contribute to killing tumor cells similar to their functions in killing bacteria. These findings build a foundation for future research in his laboratory.



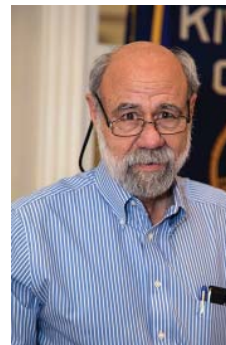
Jamie is ready to call the meeting to order.



Marty Anderson welcomed our guests.



Gene Linder announced the T-O raffle to raise money for scholarships



Jack Harkins introduced the program.



Twelve-year-old Carter King delivered an inspirational speech.



Tracy King presented the program.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
 Weekly Meeting
 January 14th, 2015
 Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting	Jamie Breed
Prayer	Dennis Laster
Music.....	Nancy Miller
Piano	Lora Lynn Christensen
Pledge.....	Tim Adcock
Guests.....	Marty Anderson
Cup Money	\$38.97
Brag Money (Julie Wagner)	\$8.00

In our prayers

Remember Dub Pritchett, John Landry, Edith Smith, Marty Anderson and Donna King in prayer
 Praise that Donna King received good test results and that she does not have cancer
 Remember Gordon Dowell who recently had back surgery but is now home from the hospital
 Remember Margaret Hoogstra who is struggling with back pain
 Remember Joan, wife of George Knight and Marilyn, wife of Jeff Goodin
 Former longtime club member Bedford Furr's widow, Oneta Furr passed away on January 13. Be in prayer for the Furr family. Many of you will remember that Bedford and Oneta gave us the songbooks we sing from today.

Guests

Guest.....Member
 Carter King and Camp King Jack Harkins
 From Greater Abilene Club: Bobbi Bieberly and Gene Linder

Program

Jack Harkins introduced his daughter Tracy King as the speaker on January 14th. Prior to his mother speaking, 12 year old Carter King presented a most touching personal account of the two years his family recently lived in Haiti. He talked about the impact that time in Haiti had on his life and how he learned the importance of sharing the love of Jesus as opposed to focusing on material possessions. Tracy shared a video that featured she and her husband and their five children along with the many children and adults they ministered to and loved on during their time in Haiti. Tracy continues to work for Baptist Haiti Mission as the US Child Sponsorship Representative and travels to Haiti every few months. She shared some of the following

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

statistics: Today marks the 5 year anniversary of the devastating Haiti earthquake. There were 300,000 fatalities and many people are still displaced. Child slavery is very common and 1/2 the population is illiterate.

80% have no job-and if they do, they make \$1 to \$2 per day. The Baptist Haiti Ministry is working hard to create a curriculum for children in Creole, their native language. The organization focuses on education, medical care, and finding sponsors for individual children to be able to attend school and receive support services. Tracy closed with the following thought: maybe what we give is small, but it makes a huge impact in someone's life. While there is still much to be done in Haiti, hope and redemption are very much alive there thanks to the work of the King family and others like them.

President Jamie Breed thanked Tracy and Carter for their moving presentation and communicated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in their honor to help fund scholarships for students.

KIWANIANS: LOVE IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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>

CALENDAR

- February 3rd, 2015 – Club Satellite –6:00 pm Boys and Girls Club, 1301 Clinton St
- February 10th – Division 35 Council Meeting 6:00 pm, Al's Mesquite Grill
- February 19th – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon Bogies Sandwich Shop
- February 21st, 2015- Governor's Visit to ABILENE – Save the Date!
- June 25–28, 2015 – Kiwanis International Convention 100th Anniversary Celebration, Indianapolis, Indiana
- August 7 – 9th 2015 – Tx/Ok Convention – Texarkana, TX



Cynthia and Dennis Laster enjoying our great meeting.

Kiwanis Through the Years: 1932

- Donated \$85.00 to West Texas Children' Aid Association.
- Assisted in concert for benefit of unemployed, raised around \$1000.00.
- Assisted Chamber of Commence in instituting "block" system for securing work for unemployed.
- Assisted in promoting Boy Scout movement.
- Presented play for benefit of Kiwanis Charity Fund.
- Secured entrance for child to Crippled Children' Hospital.
- Donated \$25.00 to annual Christmas Goodfellow Fund.
- Continued distribution of Milk and Ice to children of needy families.
- Held one meeting in rural district with local farmers as club guests.
- Year end membership 33

Reagan Elementary Service Project

Kiwanians David Jones, John Ruiz and Jamie Breed had a fun day with students from Reagan Elementary on Friday, January 16th. Throughout the day, students from each grade who had exhibited good behavior and good citizenship over the past few weeks were brought to the gym for a reward time of games and treats. Our club helped to provide volunteers for the event, and along with the other volunteers, we served hot cocoa and led the students in fun games and activities.



SPIRITUAL AIMS

By LaZuiera Gantt

A few years ago, I had the opportunity to visit the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial in Washington, D.C. The centerpiece of the memorial is called the "Stone of Hope" and it is absolutely breathtaking. The memorial truly represents his legacy, one of democracy, justice and hope. While I was nowhere in the picture when Dr. King was alive, but I grew up listening to stories from my grandparents, aunts, uncles and even parents about his sacrifice and dedication for all people to be treated as dignified human beings. As I stood there reflecting on some of those stories and surrounded by reminders of his nonviolent approach to some of our country's ugliest times in history, tears began to fall from my eyes. Those tears represented the

happiness and joy that I felt because his dream had come true. I can vote freely, I can enjoy an exquisite meal at the restaurant of my choice, I can go to school and receive a quality education and I can enjoy life with brothers of sisters of any color. And although, we still have work to do as a country, we have definitely come a long way. Dr. King was right when he said, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." As we go about our day to day lives, let us too, remember to be lights in our communities and carry love everywhere we go. For that is what truly makes the world go round!

Blessings

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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



Calling all Kiwanians to join us this week as we celebrate the **100th Anniversary** of Kiwanis International! Kiwanis International (KI) was chartered in Detroit, Michigan, on January 21, 1915. Kiwanis International operates in over ninety-six nations and geographical areas, and there are currently more than 8,000 Kiwanis Clubs in 70 nations. Together, Kiwanians around the world are working to **ELIMINATE** maternal and neonatal tetanus from the face of the earth and to make a difference in the lives of children and citizens in their communities!

Since the KI 100th Anniversary falls on our regular meeting date this week, we have invited members of the Greater Abilene Kiwanis Club to join us for this time of celebration. Everyone is encouraged to wear their Kiwanis shirts or the signature Kiwanis color blue and to proudly display their Kiwanis pins and medallions. We also want to flood the social media that day with postings and pictures of Kiwanis and Kiwanis projects. This is our time to spotlight what we **LOVE** about Kiwanis, display how we **LIVE** it in service to our community, and invite others to join us as we enthusiastically **SHARE** our mission of “changing the world one child and one community at a time”!

Just Girls

Buffalo Gap - Tuscola

Dear Kiwanis Club Members,

It is with great sadness that I must say the JUST GIRLS Group has ended. My husband has taken a job transfer to east Texas to get us closer to the grandkids. We will be moving in January.

On behalf of the girls and myself I would like to thank you for your continued support of our group. The donations you gave helped assist with the cost on numerous activities our group did. Allowing the girls to work at your events and speak at your meetings teaches the girls many skills that should be helpful as they get older.

I started this group in Oct.2004 with very little funds but a lot of enthusiastic girls. I have seen many girls come and go over the years. Many of them reminisce about activities we did or things they learned. I know that without your generosity it might not have been possible.

I will miss assisting you at the annual pancake supper. I have helped (with Girl Scouts and JUST GIRLS) since 1998. I applaud all your members for their dedication and service to our youth.

Thank You and God Bless,



Debby Pelant