

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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BILL GERSONDE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ABILENE ZOO

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, March 18th



Born and raised in the rural farming community of Sumner Iowa, Bill has spent his entire life working with animals. He purchased his first llama when he was 12 years old and from that point cared for a variety of domestic and exotic animals on his family's farm. He has worked as a zoo keeper and animal care supervisor at zoos in Kansas and Colorado and for the past 25 years as a Zoo Director in Idaho Falls Idaho and Abilene Texas.

Bill currently serves as a member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums Wildlife Conservation and Management Committee and enjoys historic home renovation and restoration along with cooking and traveling.

Bill will talk about what is currently going on at the Abilene Zoo, give an update on the Zoo Master Plan, and what future plans are in store for the zoo.



Jamie Breed presided over the meeting.



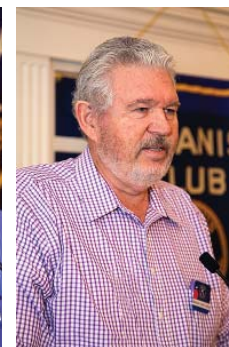
Glyn Hammons led the opening prayer.



Tim Adcock accompanied the singing.



Randy Williams welcomed the guests.



Lew Lewis introduced the program.



Lee De Leon presented the program.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
 Weekly Meeting
 March 11th, 2015
 Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting	Jamie Breed
Prayer	Glyn Hammons
Music	Don Scargall
Piano	Tim Adcock
Pledge.....	Melvin Martin
Guests	Randy Williams
Cup Money	\$39.14
Brag Money (Guinn Smith).....	\$9.00

In our prayers

Remember Pat Lockett as she recovers from hip surgery.

Remember Dub Pritchett, John Landry, Edith Smith, and Marty Anderson.

Remember Joan, wife of George Knight and Marilyn, wife of Jeff Goodin

Guests

Guest.....	Member
Dave Kinard	Club

Bobbie Bieberly and Misty Hayward from Greater Abilene Club

Program

Lew Lewis introduced Abilene Christian University Athletic Director, Lee De Leon, as the speaker on 3-11-2015. Lee who is originally from Houston, shared a little background leading up to his coming to ACU. He shared that he fell in love with ACU during his first interview on the campus, stating that he called his wife after the interview to tell her he did not want to leave Abilene and that he really wanted this job. He listed three things that inspired him about ACU:

- He was especially impressed with the Christian heritage of Abilene Christian. He saw the opportunity to go into full time ministry and full time athletics which aligned with his heart's desire.
- It was evident that President Schubert, who is an unbelievable leader and an incredible man of God, has a bold vision for the university. Lee wanted to be part of that leadership team.
- The momentum of the athletic program is exciting which was certainly appealing.

Lee joined ACU as Director of Athletics on December 1, 2014 and described the time with the

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

university as a whirlwind.

He shared the following:

Mission Statement: To honor Christ with Excellence in Academics and Athletics

Vision Statement: To win at the highest level by being the most Christ-centered athletics department in college athletics

Slogan: Excellence for Christ

The athletic department will pride themselves in being different; by being bold for Christ.

This was certainly an inspiring presentation. President Jamie Breed thanked Lee for coming and shared we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation to help fund scholarships for students.

KIWANIANS: LOVE IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PANCAKE TICKET SALES
 WEEK ONE:**

Individual Sales:

1st place Price Brock.....	\$600.00
2nd place tie Christine Curtis-Carr and Richard Kincaid.....	\$160.00 each
3rd place Jamie Breed.....	\$100.00

Every team had ticket sales this 1st week:

Spring	\$160.00
Summer	\$170.00
Fall.....	\$100.00
Winter	\$701.00
TOTAL.....	\$1,131.00

Great start everyone! Now, let's Spring Forward Teams and Sell Tickets!

Key Club Charter Celebration

Make plans to attend the Key Club Charter celebration on Monday March 16th at 5:00pm at TSTC.

CBI

Criminal Background Investigation renewals are due. Thank you to each who completed the CBI forms recently. Faye will file those with Tx-Ok. Contact Faye if you need a form at:
Kiwanis@abilenekiwanis.org

Layperson of the Year

Randy Williams announced it is not too early to think about selecting a layperson of the year. Applications are available on the Kiwanis Club of Abilene website and are due by April 1st. Contact Randy for additional information. The form is available on our website at <http://abilenekiwanis.org/>

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

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

CALENDAR

- March 16th - The Key Club charter celebration is scheduled for Monday at 5:00 pm at TSTC West Texas
- March 19 – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon Bogies Sandwich Shop
- April 7th – Club Satellite –6:00 pm Boys and Girls Club, 1301 Clinton St
- April 14th – Division 35 Council Meeting 6:00 pm, Al's Mesquite Grill
- **PANCAKE DAY – April 25th – Abilene Civic Center**
- June 25–28, 2015 – Kiwanis International Convention 100th Anniversary Celebration, Indianapolis, Indiana
- August 7 – 9th 2015 – Tx/Ok Convention – Texarkana, TX

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

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

Kiwanis Through the Years: 1957

- The Club donated \$100 to Girl Scout Camp Booth Oaks toward building an attractive entrance, as well as providing camperships.

- Twenty-nine members made an Inter-Club meeting with the Brownwood Club
- The Club membership turned down a proposal that the Club enter into a \$30,000 Kiddie Park project in cooperation with the Key City and the West Abilene Clubs. The Club later purchased 10 One Hundred Dollar Bonds from the Key City Kiwanis Club as an investment in their project. Interest on these bonds are 6%
- The Pancake supper netted the Club \$3340 in 1957.
- There is evidence that the membership is creating a real boisterous and noisy environment at the meetings and has been reprimanded in the Kiwanigram.
- Ed Wishcamper appeared before the board asking the Club to cooperate with the Chamber of Commerce project to provide \$400 per year for scholarships. The board voted to provide a \$400 scholarship for one year.
- Jim Jennings, from our Club, is serving as the Lt Gov. for Division XII this year.
- A mid-summer Ladies Nite at Lytle Shores auditorium took the place of the traditional family picnic at Camp Tonkawa. Two hundred twenty nine attended.
- Kids Day was a great success with 10,000 - 12,000 kids on hand to see the things of interest at Dyess Air Force Base. Fifty to seventy Kiwanians helped the Boys & Girls Committee under Charles Heard's leadership.
- Senator Lyndon B. Johnson was the speaker at the October 23, 1957 club meeting. He was introduced by Reed Ingalsbe. Representative Omar Burleson was a guest of the club.
- Twenty Kiwanians, plus thirteen wives attended a Rural-Urban relations dinner at Potosi.
- Again, club members gathered to write script for food to be given out by the Goodfellows. The Kiwanis Club of Abilene was the first to contribute to the Goodfellows.
- President Moser, Jim Jennings and Joe Smith and their families attended the International Convention in Atlantic City. President Moser says his children have never ridden on a train and have been filling and refilling their piggy banks for several months. Overall attendance was 13,465. H. Park Arnold from Glendale, California is the new president of Kiwanis International.
- DON'T BRAG; it isn't the whistle that pulls the train.

SPIRITUAL AIMS

You Have A Part To Play

I recently came across a poem entitled "You Have A Part To Play by M.S. Lowendes. The poem talks about as God's children, we all have our special roles to play while here on earth. Whether it be big or small, we are all are needed every day. I fast forward to this very moment as I am frantically writing the Spiritual Aims because I forgot to do "my part." I could come up with a million excuses, but the honest to goodness truth is, I simply forgot about submitting my piece for this week. Because of

By Laquiera Gantt

my forgetfulness, others were affected. Some might argue that it's no big deal after all it's just a little paragraph at the back of the Kiwanigram. Nobody probably even reads it right? This poem clearly reminds me that this is not the attitude to have! Every person has a part to play and when one person doesn't do their part it affects the entire group. So I use my lesson to encourage you this week. Discover your part, do it with enthusiasm and know that your part is one that can't be replaced. Let's go out and change the world one kid at a time.

WALTER ZELLER FELLOWSHIP AWARD PRESENTATION!

This week eight Kiwanians will receive their Walter Zeller Fellowship medals, lapel pins and certificates in a special presentation by our Eliminate Project Chairman, Mark Hoover. The Walter Zeller Fellowship award recognizes a gift of \$1,250 in either a one-time gift or a pledge paid out over two consecutive years to Project Eliminate. One Zeller pledge can save or protect more than 690 women and their future babies from maternal and neonatal tetanus.



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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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