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The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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RANDY BARNETT: CEDAR CREEK WATERWAY

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, April 22nd



Imagine a series of trails that run from Kirby Lake on the south of town all the way to Fort Phantom Lake on the north in Abilene, Texas. 12 miles as the crow flies, but the combined park spaces and trails would be much longer as they wind along the waterway of what is now called Cedar Creek.

Imagine a greenbelt of trails and parks down the center of Abilene.

Amazingly, that vision has already been planned. It's all in the Abilene Parks Master Plan that was completed in 2008 after years of public study.

But wait! Now imagine adding water to the Cedar Creek parks and trails plan. Think Concho River Park in San Angelo.

Randy Barnett is the visionary for the Cedar Creek Waterway and will speak to us this Wednesday.

Randy was raised in Abilene and attended Abilene High. He then went on to Dartmouth College, where met wife, Lynn Barnett. Lynn is the Executive Director of Cultural Affairs Council.

He is the founder of Individjual Custom Eyewear. This unique company hand crafts one-off custom eyeglass and sunglass frames right here in Abilene for clients all around the world. You can find the website at Indivjual.com

Randy is also associated with Platform Royalties, an Abilene based company that specializes in oil and gas minerals and royalty investments.



Kimberley Cole introduced Jenny Broughton who presented our program.



Valerie Awtrey was a guest of Nancy Miller.



Kylee Craggett was a guest of Jamie Breed.



Earl Williams presented the Gumball Report.



Suzanne Bailey was a guest of Jamie Breed.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
 Weekly Meeting
 April 15th, 2015
 Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting	Jamie Breed
Prayer	Russell Berry
Music.....	David Jones and Clinton Nix
Piano	Lora Lynn Christensen
Pledge.....	Roy Cloud
Guests	Curtis Blackman
Cup Money	\$46.00
Brag Money(Roy Dent)	\$7.00

In our prayers

Remember Pat Lockett who had been recovering well from hip surgery, but has now broken her right ankle as well. She was released from the hospital yesterday.

Remember Dub Pritchett (great to see him at today's meeting again), John Landry, Edith Smith, Russell Berry and Marty Anderson. Remember Joan, wife of George Knight.

Guests

Guest.....	Member
Laretta Blackburn	Curtis Blackburn
Valerie Autrey.....	Nancy Miller
Joan Batson	David Batson
Kylee Craggett	Jamie Breed
Suzanne Bailey	Jamie Breed

Program

Kimberley Cole introduced her long-time friend Jenny Broughton as the speaker on April 15th. Jenny, a teacher by profession, encouraged us to be a "paraclete" which means to be an advocate or helper, literally coming alongside someone who is struggling. Jenny stressed that Kiwanians are paracletes and shared how Kiwanis had impacted her life by providing scholarship money for her to attend college as a young person. Orphaned at the age of 11 as the result of a murder/suicide by her parents, Jenny and her siblings were sent to foster homes and children's homes. Jenny requested to remain at the Baptist Children's Home until she graduated high school. She shared many examples of how she was blessed by the giving of others and encouraged us to constantly be looking for ways to help others in need. She felt that if someone, ANYONE, had reached out to her mother who was struggling to care for her young children by herself while her husband was deployed with the Navy, that

ELIMINATE
 maternal/neonatal tetanus



Model Club Goal: \$71,250
Percent of Goal Met: 40.3%
Contributions: \$ 28,706.60
Zeller Fellows: 11
Pledged Zellers: 12
Model Club Members: 3
Number of lives saved: 15,948 @ \$1.80 per shot series

their tragic circumstances might have been avoided. Jenny went on to graduate from college and taught school for several years. She now speaks to groups around the country sharing her personal experiences and bringing a message of faith, hope and healing in her unique and witty style. She often had us laughing throughout her presentation and yet there was hardly a dry eye as she concluded her message of being aware of and reaching out to those who are struggling.

Jamie thanked Jenny for her inspirational presentation and informed her that in honor and appreciation of her speaking to our club, we would make a donation to our foundation that will be awarding scholarship to high school students next month just as Jenny herself had been a scholarship recipient from a Kiwanis club.

Thank you, Kimberley Cole, for making this wonderful program available for our club!

KIWANIANS: LOVE IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PANCAKE TICKET SALES
 WEEK SIX:**

1st Place: Winter.....	\$852.00
2nd Place: Fall	\$590.00
3rd Place: Summer	\$485.00
4th Place: Spring.....	\$310.00
TOTAL Sales Week 6	\$2,237.00

Ticket Sales to Date..... \$16,094.00

Jack Rentz came in 1st for the Summer team with \$400.00

2nd Place to Russell Berry on the Fall team with \$270.00

3rd place to Christine Curtis-Carr on the Spring team with \$160.00

Pancake Day is just days away. Sell Tickets and help Marty with Silent Auction items

Gumball Report

We missed hearing from Earl Williams in March thus we received a double report on April 15th. Money received from Gumball sales in February total \$252.36 and March was at \$317.16 bringing the grand total to \$264,804.60! WOW!

Kiwanis One Day

President Jamie thanked all of those who volunteered on Kiwanis One Day, April 11. Charles Kirkpatrick did a great job making a video of the Ramp Building team hard at work that day. A link to the video has been added to our club's Facebook page as well as the Kiwanis International Facebook page.

Key Club

Jamie read a thank you note from Key Club members to the Club for their support in sending them to District Convention in Dallas last week end. Four Key Clubbers and three sponsors attended.

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

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

- **April 25th – PANCAKE DAY! – Abilene Civic Center**
- April 30th - Club Satellite –6:00 pm Boys and Girls Club, 1301 Clinton St - NO MEETING May 5th
- May 12th – Division 35 Council Meeting 6:00 pm, Al's Mesquite Grill
- May 13th – Career and Technology Student Recognition
- May 20th – Valedictorian, Salutatorian Student Recognition

- May 21st – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon Bogies Sandwich Shop
- June 25–28, 2015 – Kiwanis International Convention 100th Anniversary Celebration, Indianapolis, Indiana
- (Delegates will be Jamie Breed and Faye Dodson)
- May 28th – Division 35 Annual Prayer Breakfast – Bobbie Wolfe's Barn
- 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: 1952

- Bailey Choate of Sweetwater is serving as Lt. Gov of Division XII for the year 1952. He installed the officers of the Abilene Club.
- A new Club Directory listing the names, addresses and phone numbers was distributed on Jan. 2, 1952.
- Inter-Clubs were held at Snyder, Big Spring, Brownwood,
- The Wishing Well for Polio Drive was manned by Kiwanians. This activity is the responsibility of the Youth Services Committee of the Abilene Kiwanis Club.
- Emphasis is being put on the members to pay their poll tax and to get their friends and neighbors to do likewise.
- The club presented the Salvation Army with recreation room equipment which included two ping-pong tables, volley ball and badminton sets and a shuffle board.
- Strong emphasis is placed on a perfect attendance record for every member. A list of those having perfect attendance is published each month in the Kiwanigram.
- Easter Seal Mailing is a new project for the club. Stuffing 25,000 envelopes was a big job.
- Division XII, led by Lt. Gov. Bailey Choate had a very successful Division Meeting and Ladies night on April 3. Mr. & Mrs. Jim Jennings hosted a reception at their home for Kiwanians and wives from Division XII in the afternoon before the dinner and meeting.
- Pancake Supper Kick-Off was April 9, 1952. Fifteen businesses have made gifts to be presented to high ticket sales Kiwanians. No dishwashing this year as paper plates, spoons & forks will be used. 5,365 tickets were sold which produced a net profit of \$2250.32.

SPIRITUAL AIMS

Growing up, we have all had heroes, someone who we admired and wanted to be like. Perhaps you had more than one. One of my heroes was a young man named Oda Kent. He was a good singer, public speaker, good looking, and he taught the young men's training class I attended at church. But Oda Kent was Oda Kent and I was Randy. In Psalm 139 it says, "For you created my inmost being; you knited me together in my mother's womb. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." God made us unique because He has a unique plan for each of our lives. He personally oversaw your creation because he had something for you to do that only you can do. Your parents may not have planned you, but God did. Now, I don't know whatever happened to Oda Kent but I

By Randy Williams

do know how God has used my life. It's kind of like that movie "It's a Wonderful Life." What would the world be like if we had never been born. How many lives have you touched in a beautiful way that would have missed out if not for you. The Kiwanis Life is just like this. We go out into our communities and around the world and we make a difference. Just ask the recipients of those ramps that our members build and I bet you will see lives that are touched. Or how about those kids that our members read to each week. Why there's no way to know how much impact they are having but I bet it's substantial and may even last that child's lifetime. That's what we do: We work to "Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time". You don't have to be Oda Kent, just be who God created you to be.

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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:
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Charles Ellis	Cynthia Laster
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	Ashley Larry