

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN CEREMONY

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, May 20th



Each year it is the Kiwanis Club of Abilene's honor to host the top two graduating students from each of our Abilene High Schools, both public and private. Valedictorians and Salutatorians from Abilene High, Cooper High, ATEMS, Wylie, Abilene Christian High, and Premier High Schools will be recognized with a Certificate of Achievement acknowledging their accomplishments by finishing first or second in their classes.

We also will award four 1,000 Foundation Scholarships to selected applicants who impressed our Foundation Scholarship Committee.

Also, as a part of our Recognition and Awards Day, we will hear a program from the first and second graders from Reagan Elementary to say thank you for visiting their school and reading with the kids. This year, our Kiwanis Club established a BUGS program at Reagan to challenge the young people to "bring up grades"!



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KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
 Weekly Meeting
 May 13th, 2015
 Abilene Country Club

ELIMINATE
 maternal/neonatal tetanus



Led Meeting	Jamie Breed
Prayer	John Hewitt
Music.....	Randy Williams
Piano	Tim Adcock
Pledge.....	Gayla Gill
Guests.....	Christine Curtis-Carr
Cup Money	\$20.00

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

In our prayers

Praise the Lord for the rain!
 Remember Pat Lockett as she recovers from hip surgery and a broken ankle
 Donna King had day surgery May 13.
 Remember Marilyn Goodin – she still has a long way to go toward full recovery from her stroke.
 Remember Dub Pritchett, John Landry, and Edith Smith. Remember Joan, wife of George Knight.

Guests

Guest.....	Member
Mark Conrad.....	Jack Rentz
Tammi Faught.....	Kelly Jones

From the Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene:
 James Estes, Bobbi Bieberly, George Woodfin and Roma Howard

Program

LaQuiera Gantt recognized parents, teachers and especially students for the annual Career and Technology Student program. She did an incredible job as she shared the accomplishments of the students. Christine Curtis-Carr and Amanda Wiskow assisted with distributing certificates to each outstanding student.

Students recognized were:

AHS

- Will Pebbles
- Julio Rosas
- Hope Ramirez
- Brooklyn Cartwright
- Iziah Velasquez
- Elena Leon
- Marisol Arrazala
- Caleb Brock
- Sergio Navarro
- Michael Rodriguez

Cooper HS

- Jayde Malarski
- Angel DeAnda
- Alfredo Escobedo
- James Le
- Trini Vincent
- Colden Dye
- Brandon Johnson

Holland Medical HS

- Anthony Santibanez
- Mariah Mayo

ATEMS HS

- Sampson Dewey
- Peter Neal

Scholarship Winners

- Desiree Alvarado
- Mariah Mayo
- Katherine Montoya
- Salvador Garcia
- Jose Tejerina

Scholarship winners were awarded \$500.00 each. Congratulations students and parents!

Twyla Young introduced Dr. Don Wilson, from First Christian Church, as the speaker on this special day. He challenged students by asking how they would continue to grow their mind. He shared Luke 2:52 which says “And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and with people.” Jesus grew in mind, body, spirit and relationships. His example is worth considering.

Teenage Jesus, increased in wisdom. Dr Wilson asked the students, “How will you continue to grow your mind”? He stressed the importance of reading- not just twitter and Facebook, but “good stuff”.

‘Grow your amazing mind’.

Jesus also took care of His body. He encouraged the students to follow Jesus’ example.

Jesus increased in favor with God – Spiritual Growth. Dr. Wilson shared that God made each of us, loves us and He wants to be a vital part of our lives. He challenged the students to live their lives with a healthy sense of wonder.

Jesus grew in favor with people – Relationships. Jesus paid attention to people. He listened, helped and healed.

In closing Dr. Wilson reminded students to:

Love the Lord your God, Love your neighbor as you love yourself. Love one another just as I have loved you!

He shared that his hope and prayer for each student is to continue to grow in wisdom, stature, mind, body and spirit and relationships.

President Jamie Breed thanked Dr. Wilson for sharing and communicated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in his honor which helps fund scholarships for students.

KIWANIANS: LOVE IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentations



Charles Ellis, Chairman of the Boys and Girls Committee, presented Pancake Dollars in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Roy Dent of Harmony Family Services (pictured above). Jamie shared that the funds will be used as a sponsorship for the annual partnership concert event with the Abilene Music Teachers Association which features star piano students. The concert will take place at the Abilene Civic Center on Monday June 8th. Proceeds go to Harmony’s Emergency Shelter and Foster Care Program for children.



Randy Williams and Gary Poynor presented the annual Lay Person of the Year award to Gary’s brother, Ken Poynor. Gary shared a letter from Clinton Nix which described Ken’s servant heart. Congratulations Ken!

B.U.G.’s presentation on Tuesday May 26th at 2:00 at Reagan Elementary. Join other Kiwanians for an ice cream party to celebrate the success of students during the year.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

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

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the annual Friends of the Library Book Sale June 15-21. Signup sheets will be on the tables this week with a letter describing the different volunteer activities. Volunteers will get the first shopping time on Thursday, June 14 from 1-4pm.

CALENDAR

- May 21st – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon Bogies Sandwich Shop
- June 2 – Club Satellite meeting 6 pm at Martinez Boys and Girls Club site, 1301 Clinton St. (New member orientation to be presented – anyone who hasn’t had this training or would like a refresher course on all things Kiwanis is encouraged to attend!)
- June 9th – Division 35 Council Meeting 6:00 pm, Al’s Mesquite Grill
- 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 at 6:30am – Bobbie and Bernice 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: 2008

- Theme of the year was the encouragement for our members to get involved through attendance, participation in at least one or two projects beside Pancake Day, and inviting others to join our club. ... in other words. “Do Something”.
- Started the year with a total membership of 124, but was quickly reduced to 118 when 6 members requested removal for various reasons at the first board meeting of the year.
- To get the year started, several members attended the K-Family Conference at the DFW Marriott with presentations by Past International President Art Swanberg, International Trustee Randy DeLay, and our own T/O Governor Nancy Miller.
- With the capable assistance of Charles Kirkpatrick we published the first pictorial directory in several years and distributed them at the first meeting of the year.
- Board meetings were held in the “Upper Room” of the Alley Cats on the 2nd Tues. of each month.
- John Snapp led the club in our annual effort of Heart Walk with the American Heart Association.
- Books were presented to Reagan Principal Mike Kozelsky for every first grade student.
- Membership Committee, led by Guinn Smith, introduced the initiative proclaiming the first meeting of the month as “Bring A Guest Week”.
- We enjoyed inspiring weekly devotionals in the Kiwanigram by Spiritual Aims Co-Chair James Shields and George Knight.
- Started the year off by giving \$400 of Pancake Money to Medical Care Mission, \$500 to the Classical Youth Chorus, \$1000 to West Texas Rehab Center, \$750 to Reagan Elementary, and \$1000 to Harmony Family Services.
- Our club was blessed to have the T/O Governor, Nancy Miller (a second term Governor) and a member of our club, as well as the Division 35 Lt. Gov. Bill Hoogstra. Both of them gave the program presentation on the Nov. 12 meeting.
- The club voted to fall in line with recommendations by International and T/O District to require each member to agree to background checks. The club voted to do this without cost to the club members - rather use the funds from the two missed meetings for Christmas and New Year to pay for the expense of the project.
- Additional contributions at the end of the calendar year were \$750 for 4-H activities, \$1000 to Meals on Wheels, \$500 to National Center for Children’s Illustrated Literature, and \$500 to Love and Care Ministries.
- The Meals on Wheels Committee, under the leadership of Ken Lenoir continued their excellent service to this organization by delivering daily meals on our designated Kiwanis route as well as other routes throughout the city.
- One of the favorite programs of the year was arranged and introduced by Dub Pritchett. He presented James Olson, a former CIA spy and currently a professor at Texas A&M. The A&M club and the Rotary Club next door joined us for the program.
- The 12th Annual Basketball Shootout was a financial success with \$6,475.48 raised to help Children’s Miracle Network and Hendrick Children’s Hospital.
- The Governor’s Banquet was held in the Tom Roberts rooms of Hendrick Medical Center with arrangements made by the Celebrations Committee headed by Margaret Hoogstra.
- The Ramp committee built the first ramp on June 13 on LaSalle Street.
- Chairman John Thomas and Lt. Gov. Bill Hoogstra spearheaded the effort to establish an Aktion Club at Abilene State School.
- The club co-operated with the Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene in establishing a Kiwanis Club in Breckenridge.
- Led by See By Three Chairman, Glyn Hammons, 24 different persons screened 268 3-4 year-olds for vision screening.
- Division 35 Prayer Breakfast was held at Bobbie & Bernice Wolfe’s barn where Jarrell Young from our club was named Layperson of the Year.
- Presented Agriculture scholarships of \$500 each to 4 students.
- 2009 T/O Convention was held in Rockwall, presided over by Governor Nancy Miller.

SPIRITUAL AIMS

I was talking with a friend the other day about careers and where we see ourselves in the future. We both are extremely happy with our career path and came to the conclusion that as long as we were able to do something fulfilling, then life would be good. I went home and thought about it a little more and an additional thought came to mind. As long as I'm in a career to where God is able to use me, instead of people using me, then I'm good. So many times, we spend our existence letting people use us, instead of God. We'll chase title after title, only to still have a void waiting to be filled. We hop from career to career, like a ping pong ball because we're trying to please man. I have come to the conclusion

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that it's not about me, rather the message that God is trying to speak through me. When we allow God to use us, we are truly unstoppable! Now, don't get me wrong, I want to be acknowledged for the hard work and time that I invest in my career, and if that means more money or a new title, then glory be to God! But, I pray that I never cash in on those things and miss the calling God has placed in my life. We're all in different stages of life. Some of us are just entering the workforce, others are trying taking on new responsibilities and some of you lucky ones are retired or headed in that direction! Whatever the case may be, don't forget to allow God to use you. "Use me Lord, until I'm all used up." Be blessed.

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



Memorial Day Celebration

We will celebrate Memorial Day on May 27th. Please bring any memorabilia you may have to display during the program.

CAREER & TECHNOLOGY STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY



Award winners group photo



Scholarship winner Trey Tijerina



Scholarship winner Cathryn Montoya



Scholarship winner Mariah Mayo



Scholarship winner Salvador Garcia



Scholarship winner Desiree Alvarada