

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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PANCAKE DAY CELEBRATION!

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, June 10th



This Wednesday is the day we come together to recognize all of those who had a part in Pancake Day 2015, our Club's 67th year to hold this fundraising event. Each year since its inception in 1940, proceeds from this event have benefited the children and other in our community as we seek to change the world...one child and one community at a time. You don't want to miss this celebration!



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KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
 Weekly Meeting
 June 3rd, 2015
 Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting	Jamie Breed
Prayer	Russell Berry
Music.....	Nancy Miller
Piano	Tim Adcock
Pledge.....	Rob Chastain
Guests	Dennis Laster
Cup Money	\$30.23
Brag Money	\$18.00 (Guinn Smith)

In our prayers

Remember Pat Lockett as she recovers from hip surgery and a broken ankle
 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
Jim Moore	Bobbie Wolfe
Carissa Gast.....	Joe Kimble
Denise Gray and Whitney Collins.....	Sara Collins

Program

Kimberley Cole introduced Jason Scott Carlson who is a broker employed by Allianz Life Financial Services, as the speaker on June 3rd. Jason shared that Allianz is a company that provides retirement investment vehicles that protect investment, principal and income for retirement income planning. The purpose of the presentation was to share how Social Security is a part of that retirement plan. He explained that resources are different from 40 or 50 years ago. Pensions are not as readily available and the burden of planning for retirement now rests on the individuals shoulders. We are living longer thus retirement needs to last longer than it once did. He encouraged everyone to have some type of retirement income plan. How do we make sure we have income that will not go away? We can have control over our Social Security distribution. We learned that a married couple 62 or younger could have up to 567 choices for Social Security distribution! He discussed two options: File and Suspend or File Restricted. These options are not readily discussed by a Social Security representative but a financial advisor can help work through the options.

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

An individual can retire at 62 and receive a reduced amount but would perhaps receive more pay checks. Or the individual can take the full amount at retirement age (66) or, file and suspend, waiting until age 70 to begin receiving Social Security. The 3rd option provides an 8% increase for every year an individual waits until he or she reaches age 70, thus the dollars are stretched.

Individuals can delay their benefit yet allow their spouse to receive a spousal benefit. Example; the husband is 66, and the wife is 63. The husband can allow his wife to begin receiving her spousal benefit- it is called "File and Suspend" to full retirement age.

File Restricted – The wife at age 63 decided to retire from her job and draw her social security. The husband can file restricted at full retirement age and receive the 8% credit but he is allowed to start taking a spousal benefit equivalent to ½ of her benefit amount until he reaches age 70.

As Jason concluded, he shared the importance of seeking a financial advisor to help understand retirement options that will allow income to continue. He stressed: "take time for retirement income planning. Take time to budget and to plan".

President Jamie Breed thanked Jason for the informative and timely presentation and shared that we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in his honor to help fund scholarships for high school students.

KIWANIANS: LOVE IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Disability Resource Inc. (DRI)
AKTION CLUB NEWS:

Make plans to join fellow Kiwanians on July 1st (the regular Wednesday meeting time) for the

Charter Meeting of the new DRI Aktion Club! A big thanks goes out to Bill Hoogstra for organizing the new club and to Gary Poynor who will serve as the club sponsor. The address for Disability Resources is 3602 North Clack, Abilene, 79601. We will not meet at the Country Club on this date, instead we will join DRI residents for a cook out. This should be a fun time and we hope each of you will be there!

Pancake Dollars at work!



Boys and Girls Chair Charles Ellis presented \$1000 to Reach for a Difference. Pictured are Whitney Collins, Denise Grey, Sara Collins, and Boys and Girls Chair Charles Ellis.

Charles Ellis, chairman of the Boys and Girls Committee presented pancake dollars in the amount of \$1,000.00 to fellow Kiwanian, Sara Collins for the Reach for a Difference organization. Sara thanked the club for their support and communicated the funds would be used to provide Santa for children with autism. She shared this was a huge deal for the children, communicating that crowded events such as going to the mall to see Santa was "sensory overload" to a child with autism. The special event will be held at The Grove at Hidden Valley and Kiwanians are invited. Details will be provided at a later date.

Congratulations

Bobbie Wolfe presented a check in the amount of \$390.00 to Jim Moore for Boy Scout Troop 206. He shared that the troop formed in 1933 and the Boy Scout Hut has been named the Henry McGinty Building, in loving memory of long time Kiwanian and supporter of the Boy Scout Troop. Bobbie gave a wonderful update about the troop which is currently made up of 41 scouts and 48 active adult leaders. The funds received represent 1/2 the annual cost for internet service at the Boy Scout Hut. He explained that internet service is vital to the club because registration and training are all completed on line today. He communicated that the support



Jim Moore accepted \$390 for internet service for the Boy Scout Hut.

of the club over the years has been a tremendous blessing.

Division 35 News:

The June 9th Division Council Meeting Cancelled – Note the next meeting will be held on Tuesday July 14th.

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the annual Friends of the Library Book Sale June 15-21. Volunteers will get the first shopping time on Thursday, June 14 from 1-4pm.



Carissa Gast was a guest of Joe Kimble.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Tim Adcock	David Jones
Russell Berry	Richard Kincaid
Curtis Blackburn	Charles Kirkpatrick
Michelle Brasher	Cynthia Laster
Jamie Breed	Dennis Laster
Brandon Carr	Carl Lockett
Lora Lynn Christensen	Royce Manning
Roy Cloud	Melvin Martin
Christine Curtis-Carr	Donald McDonald
Roy Dent	Nancy Miller
Noe Espinoza	Don Paige
Tammi Faught	Laurin Parrack
Key Gantt	Gary Poynor
Keith Garner	Kenneth Poynor
Gayla Gill	William A Smith
Glyn Hammons	Becky Spargo
Kirk Hancock	Earl Williams
John Hewitt	Randy Williams
Stephanie Hodge	Amanda Wiskow
William Hoogstra	Twyla Young
Mark Hoover	

CALENDAR

- June 18th – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon Bogies Sandwich Shop
- June 25–28, 2015 – Kiwanis International Convention 100th Anniversary Celebration, Indianapolis, Indiana
- July 7th – Club Satellite meeting 6 pm at Martinez Boys and Girls Club site, 1301 Clinton St.
- July 14th – Division 35 Council Meeting 6:00 pm, Al's Mesquite Grill
- 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: 1981

- The new officers and board were installed by Lt. Gov. Billy Currey, a member of the Key City Club. President Norman Nail immediately upon assuming his responsibility challenged the members for special emphasis during the next year, our club's 60th anniversary. Norman has all of his committee assignments made and off running. Again, the club followed precedent and recognized and honored the new faculty members of the 3 schools of higher learning. Bryan Bradberry used as his

theme "We are Heirs of Heroes."

- The International Major Emphasis theme is "Take Time to Care".
- Clive Pierce Day was celebrated on November 19. Past Gov. Charles Gillespie of Midland praised Clive for his unselfish service to others. Ed Wishcamper was the MC for the program which paid honor to a great Kiwanian.
- A \$300 check was presented to Ray Hartt as the lead off check for the Goodfellow campaign. It has been tradition that the club be the first to contribute to this program.
- New song books have been secured and are on the tables on Dec. 1.
- On Dec. 10 the club meeting got moved from the hotel ballroom to the old Petroleum Club facilities in the adjacent building. There was a bit of confusion as it was a surprise move, but we survived. On Jan. 21, we started meeting regularly in the Petroleum Club facility. This meeting place lasted until Mar. 4, 1981 when we moved to Briarstone Manor.
- Plans for the Texas-Oklahoma District Convention to be held in Abilene Aug. 13-15 got under way on Jan 30 when Art Swanberg, Dist. Governor had a planning meeting here.
- The Ladies Night Valentine Banquet scheduled for February 12 at Briarstone Manor was a big success. It was a musical evening. Legion of Honor Awards were presented to 6 members. Kiwanian of the Year Award was presented to Bob Neimann.
- Charter Night for the new Southwest Abilene Kiwanis Club was March 24th. They are meeting on Tuesday noon at Adams Rib Restaurant.
- Dues were raised from \$18.00 to \$20.00 per month and initial membership fee raised from \$15.00 to \$20 effective on Jan 1, 1981.
- Texas-Oklahoma District Governor, Art Swanburg was in Abilene on Jan. 29 for his official visit to Division 35.
- J. D. Thomas and his Senior Citizens Committee presented to the club a review of the programs in the city that are available for seniors. The committee arranged for space and a storage building where seniors can have a small garden space with water provided.
- The club contributed \$5000 to the Chapel Building Fund at Abilene State School.
- Pancake Supper Kick-Off was on Mar. 18. James McMillon is the General Chairman, Ron Keener, Publicity and James Greer, Ticket Sales. Event date: April 15. Gross sales \$18,140. Net \$12,099.50.

SPIRITUAL AIMS

Have you sometimes found yourselves in what seems like a holding pattern. Maybe its at church, on the job, or even in Kiwanis. If so, your situation is nothing new to the people of God. How many stories do we read of in the Bible where folks felt called of God but not directed in what they might call, "a timely fashion". Waiting on the Lord tends to go counter to our Western thinking. The prophet Jonah needed a literal change of direction so God provided it. Three days inside a fish would get anyone's attention. Jonah got his perspective

By Randy Williams

back. A time of waiting may be because we have been running from activity to activity, with barely any time to think or talk. When you are in God's holding pattern, use the downtime to regain your perspective. The key is to not stop seeking why God has placed you where you are, doing what you are doing. He wants to use you to Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time. Down time is actually God's gift to us and a blessing in disguise, but not meant to be a permanent abode.

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