

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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CHRIS EVATT: FIRST FINANCIAL BANK

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, June 24th



Chris Evatt is a Senior Vice President of Commercial Lending and is the Branch Manager at First Financial Bank on Antilley Road. Chris started his career with First Financial Bank 14 years ago in Stephenville, Texas, but has made Abilene home since May 2006. Chris received both his BBA in Accounting and MBA in Finance from Tarleton State University. Chris has also graduated from the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at SMU where he also served as president of his class.

Chris is currently the chair of the United Way of Abilene, as well as the newly formed Abilene Young Professionals. Chris also serves on the board of the Abilene Better Business Bureau, Abilene Chamber of Commerce, Abilene Country Club, Southwestern Graduate School of Banking Alumni Board and the Tarleton State University Texan Club.

Chris is married to his wife Jackie Evatt of seven years and they have two children: Carter (5) and Cadence (2). Chris and his family attend First Baptist Church of Abilene.



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KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
 Weekly Meeting
 June 17th, 2015
 Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting	David Jones
Prayer	Curtis Blackburn
Music.....	Nancy Miller
Piano	Tim Adcock
Pledge.....	Zach Briley
Guests	Ken Poynor
Cup Money	\$39.00
Brag Money	\$5.00

In our prayers

Remember Edith and Will Smith and their family. Edith's brother passed away on June 6th.
 Pray for Guinn Smith who had surgery recently for a detached retina. Pray that he will heal properly.
 Praise that Donna King received a good Dr. Report and does not have cancer.
 Brandon Carr's Mother has some health issues. Keep her in your prayers as well as Brandon and Christine as they care for her.
 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
Elaine Kirkpatrick.....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Joan Batson	David Batson

Program

Lora Lynn Christensen introduced Shalesia Brown as the program on June 17th. Shalesia shared a little history about Juneteenth. Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. Note that this was two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation - which had become official January 1, 1863. The Emancipation Proclamation had little impact on the Texans due to the minimal number of Union troops to enforce the new Executive Order. However, with the surrender of General Lee in April of 1865, and the arrival of General Granger's

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

regiment, the forces were finally strong enough to influence and overcome the resistance. Juneteenth today, celebrates African American freedom and achievement, while encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures. As it takes on a more national, symbolic and even global perspective, the events of 1865 in Texas are not forgotten, for all of the roots tie back to this fertile soil from which a national day of pride is growing.

The future of Juneteenth looks bright as the number of cities and states creating Juneteenth committees continues to increase. Respect and appreciation for all of our differences grow out of exposure and working together. Getting involved and supporting Juneteenth celebrations creates new bonds of friendship and understanding among us. This indeed, brightens our future - and that is the Spirit of Juneteenth.

Shalesia, accompanied by Lora Lynn, provided a beautiful program of spirituals sharing information about the songs.

Vice President David Jones thanked Shalesia for the wonderful program and shared that 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

**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!

Gumball Report



Earl Williams reported there are 1,014 Machines in operation, 197 machines were read in May bringing in \$235.44. Total to Date \$265,433.08!

CALENDAR

- June 25–28, 2015 – Kiwanis International Convention 100th Anniversary Celebration, Indianapolis, Indiana
- July 1st – Kiwanis Meeting at DRI 12:00 noon 3602 No. Clack, Abilene TX
- July 7th – Club Satellite meeting 6 pm at Lee Club, 4610 N 10th. - Potluck Social, everyone welcome!
- July 14th – Division 35 Council Meeting 6:00 pm, Al's Mesquite Grill
- July 16th – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon Bogies Sandwich Shop
- 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>



Elaine and Charles Kirkpatrick enjoyed our great musical program.

Kiwanis Through the Years: 1947

- Meeting Place: Wooten Hotel
- Charter Anniversary Program was held on Thursday evening, May 15, 1947, 8 P.M.; Iris Graham Memorial Hall, McMurry Campus.
- The "Rough Neck" bunch had dwindled down to one table.
- A trip through West Texas towns was organized by the club to promote the West Texas Fair in Abilene.
- Club gave \$200 to the Milk Fund and pledged \$50 monthly for October, November and December. This money is collected each week in the Milk Fund Bottles at the club meeting. Usually get \$15 or \$20 each week.
- Ft. Worth Club visited Abilene Club on Oct. 29, 1947. Some came by auto, and some on a DC3 to the Airport as an Inter-club in response to the Inter-club Abilene had on June 5.
- At the end of October, 1947 the Club had 166 members.
- The Club sponsors a Boy Scout Troop, an Explorer Post and a film used for the promotion of Camp Tonkawa.



Joan Batson was David Batson's guest.

SPIRITUAL AIMS

"Judge not lest ye be judged". So many people take these words the wrong way, convinced that those who follow God should be accepting and tolerant of everything, even sinful things. God has asked us to strive for something the world does not understand: holiness. He wants us to stand out, to stand strong and, at times, to stand against evil but only for the right reasons. So, He doesn't expect us to bend over backward to accept anything in the name of tolerance; the issue is for us to be discerning and loving in all our ways, in honor of His holy name. I think God would say that Judgement belongs to Him alone. Wisdom and discernment are what He

By Randy Williams

gives us so that we can humbly present His truths and still speak for Him in love. When our words are seasoned with His grace rather than judgment, just watch. He will use our words to draw people to Him. Satan would be happy for us to turn a blind eye to his perversion of our society. Kiwanians, if you really want to Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time, challenge the sin of your brother but do so with a heart full of the same grace that our heavenly Father laid on you through His Son, Jesus Christ, and remember that "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

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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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