

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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DRI AKTION CLUB CHARTER MEETING

Disability Resources Inc., Noon, Wednesday, July 1st



Living, working, achieving...together

DRI AKTION CLUB CHARTER MEETING!

Please join us Wednesday during our regular meeting time at Disability Resources, Inc. as we celebrate opening our second Aktion club. Lunch will be provided there.



Take US 277 (Winter's Freeway) North toward Anson. Exit at FM 2404, Old Anson Road. Turn left onto Old Anson Road (toward Texas Department of Public Safety), then turn left onto North Clack Street. DRI is on your right at 3602 North Clack Street.



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KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
 Weekly Meeting
 June 24th, 2015
 Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting Vice President Guy Lucas
 Prayer Roy Dent
 Singing Russell Berry
 Piano Tim Adcock
 Pledge..... Gary Poyner
 Guests Clinton Nix
 Bag Basket Russell Berry

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 Randy Roewe Roy Dent

Program

David Jones introduced the program presenter Chris Evatt, Senior Vice President in charge of lending at First Financial Bank. Mr. Evatt gave a very timely presentation on "Understanding Financial Exploitation." When he asked those in attendance to raise their hand if they or someone they knew had been a victim of financial abuse, about 70% raised their hand.

Mr. Evatt mentioned that financial abuse is affecting the country, the state and our local communities. Possible prevention can come through educating people about what the abuse is and teaching them the warning signs.

Financial exploitation is the improper use of another person's money or property for personal gain.

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



Chris Evatt presented the program.

Why are so many people so easily scammed? They are too trusting of others (care givers, family friends, even financial advisors), inexperienced in financial matters, too reliant on others for support or just being in a rush.

Statistics show that women are at greater risk than men as are people over 65. The average scam is \$30,000.

The abuse often goes unreported (only one in four) due to embarrassment or fear.

Abuse must be reported. Law enforcement can help. A trusted financial institution can help.

Mr. Evatt covered several specific scams that are currently making the rounds. He also had a list of red flag warnings and several specific suggestions for minimizing risk. Keep personal information private, check credit report once a year, shred documents, lock up checkbook, do not donate to unfamiliar charities, don't sign anything without reading the document, do not send cash through the mail, check questionable things with the Better Business Bureau.

KIWANIANS: LOVE IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Builder's Club



Mark Young introduced Builder's Club members.

Mark Young, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Clubs announced that a Builder's Club will be formed this summer so that it is up and running for next school year.

CALENDAR

- 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>

Kiwanis Through the Years: 1990

- The new officers were inducted on October 4. Nancy Miller was inducted as the first woman Board Member.
- Cindy Burleson and Donna Bennett gave excellent leadership to the Club's participation in the Gatlin Brothers Southwest Seniors Classic at Fairway Oaks. There were 369 people who pulled 6 hour shifts and 179 were from our club. Cindy and Donna received a \$10,000 check on behalf of the club for this community project.
- The Club donated \$1,000 to the Cooper Cougars Band trip to the Rose Bowl where they have been invited to play in the New Year's Day Tournament of Roses Parade.
- The Key Club at Cooper High is active again this year. Rene Clark, daughter of our John Clark, is one of the leaders.
- Club membership was at 298 on Nov. 29, 1989.
- Total pledges for the Heart Association Turkey Walk coordinated by Russell Berry was \$827.50.
- We are honoring 4 youths each month as being the Youth of the Month from the Abilene Boys Club.
- Founder's Day was celebrated with Garold W. Johnson, District Secretary, as our speaker. Our club is 69 years old.
- February 12 is the date of the Valentine's Banquet. Keith Garner was the recipient of the Kiwanian of the Year Award.
- Again the club is supporting with \$400 the project Graduation which is designed to help kids celebrate graduation without any trouble.
- The 1990 Pancake Supper ticket sales Kick-off was on Mar. 7. The sales theme is centered around baseball. David Bacon is sales chairman and Wes Speights is all the teams score keeper. Marcus Anderson was top ticket seller.
- Caroline Reeves was chosen from 35 applicants to fill the position of Administrative Secretary. She is replacing Debby Loving who is moving to Dallas after she graduates from ACU. Debbie graduates Magna Cum Laude on May 5.
- Children's Miracle Network Telethon received \$1,000 from the club on KTAB. President John Dunn made the presentation.
- The Annual Kiwanis International Convention was held in St. Louis, MO June 24-28.

SPIRITUAL AIMS

Many years ago, a young man named Ted Dawson applied for a job with the Juvenile Probation Office. I have never met a young man that was more devoted to helping kids. Even though he was not much older than my kids, he became my fashion consultant. I know, you're saying "He didn't do a very good job". Ted had grown up in a very confused and dysfunctional family but I could see in him a desire to know God. It didn't look like you might think but it was there. It was raw and sometimes even crude. He would occasionally come into my office and ask me questions about God and His teachings.

By Randy Williams

I cherished those moments of opportunity. Ted died of cancer a few years ago and I still find myself thinking about him. While I thought I was having an impact on him for the Lord, he too was having an impact on me in my service to the Lord. Have you ever thought about those moments that you seize in order to paint the picture of who God is for someone who may be seeking? Now if you really want to Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time, touch those whom God puts into your life by painting the picture of who He really is, and see how He is changing you through them.

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