

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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VICKI SPRIGGS: CEO OF TEXAS CASA

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, July 8th



Vicki Spriggs is the CEO of Texas CASA. Prior to joining the CASA team, Vicki served as the Executive Director of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission until that agency was merged with the Texas Youth Commission forming the new Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteers are regular people who have chosen to speak up for the abused and neglected children in their community. They are screened and trained before being appointed by the court to advocate for the best interests of children in the state's foster care system. CASA volunteers work to move the children out of foster care and into safe, permanent homes as quickly as possible. In 2014, 8,066 well trained volunteers served 24,742 children in 207 of the 254 Texas counties. Fairly recently, CASA was established in Taylor County and offices in the Taylor County Plaza Building.



Jamie Breed
President



Christine Curtis-Carr
President-Elect



David Jones
Vice President



Guy Lucas
Vice President



Faye Dodson
Secretary



Tim Adcock
Treasurer

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
Weekly Meeting
July 1st, 2015
Abilene Country Club

Led MeetingJamie Breed
PrayerNancy Miller
Music.....Randy Williams
Pledge.....Melvin Martin
Guests.....Jerry Carter

In our prayers

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

4-H Leaders: Vicki Patton, Peg Smith, LeRoyce Hart, Kit Horne
Taylor County Expo Center - Rochelle Johnson

Program

President Jamie Breed welcomed members of Disability Resources Inc. and introduced DRI Aktion Club Advisors.

Representative from the Kiwanis Club of Abilene: Gary Poynor

DRI Advisor: Misty Ball-Huntley

Lt. Governor Will Smith formally greeted DRI attendees and shared the history of Aktion Clubs which began in 1987. Today there are more than 500 active Aktion Clubs around the world. Aktion Clubs allow adults living with disabilities to participate in community service projects, gain leadership skills and become more involved in society. The mission of Aktion Club is:

- to provide adults living with disabilities an opportunity to develop initiative and leadership skills
- to serve their community
- to be integrated into society
- to demonstrate the dignity and value of citizens living with disabilities

Aktion Club is the only service club for adults with disabilities, with more than 12,000 members

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

worldwide.

He presented each new member with an Aktion Club pin and led them in the Aktion Club Pledge:

*I pledge on my honor to follow the Objects of Aktion Club.
To better my community, my country and myself.
To help those in need.
To demonstrate loyalty to our community and nation.
And to encourage others to do the same*

Officers were installed for the club and charged them to take their role seriously as they lead Aktion Club members to serve others.

President: John Keady
Secretary: Elissa Brown
Treasurer Ian McKay
Vice President, Jay Blay

Lt. Governor Smith recognized Bill Hoogstra and Gary Poynor and thanked them for their efforts to bring this new club to reality.

DRI Aktion Club President John Keady shared his appreciation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene, stating that the club is excited about performing community responsibilities and making a difference. I know the club is up to the challenge and making a difference and ready to do their part. He thanked everyone for the support and encouragement. John "rang the bell" to dismiss the meeting!
Congratulations DRI AKTION CLUB!

KIWANIANS: LOVE IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club Satellite Meeting

Location Change for July Meeting!

Reminder Club Satellite will meet July 7th at 6 pm

at the Boys and Girls Club - Lee club at 4610 N 10th. It will be a social for our entire club (including Wed members) so please bring a dish to share. Brandon and I will not be able to bring a grill like last year due to some unforeseen family issues, but will be at the social to visit with everyone.

Let me know if you plan to bring a savory or sweet dish so we have all our bases covered for the fun event.

Bring your family, children and friends!

Ag Committee Announcement



Gary Bomar presented Rochelle Johnson with \$1000 for the State 4-H Horse Show and \$750 to Vicki Patton and LeRoyce Hart for the 4-H Drill Team.

Gary Bomar announced it was time to sign up to help with the State 4-H Horse Show. The dates are July 19 – 25th. Sign up by going to help on the web-site at www.taylor.agrilife.org or call the Taylor County Expo Center at 325-672-6048. Gary introduced 4-H club leaders, Peg Smith, LeRoyce Hart. He presented a check in the amount of \$750.00 to their Drill Team. In addition he presented \$1,000.00 to Rochelle Johnson for the Taylor County Expo. This is the 32nd year that the Kiwanis Club of Abilene has donated to this event bringing the total over that period of time to \$32,000.00! Thank you Kiwanians for your faithful service over the years!

CALENDAR

- July 7th – Club social for all members and their family and friends (pot luck) and Club Satellite meeting 6 pm at Lee Elementary School Boys and Girls Club site
- July 14th – Division 35 Council Meeting 6:00 pm, Al's Mesquite Grill
- July 16th – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon Bogies Sandwich Shop
- July 19 – 25th State 4-H Horse Show
- 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: 1987

- The new officers were installed by Division 35 Lt. Gov. Cleve Cullers after which President Jeff Goodin outlined his goals for the next 12 months. These goals are spelled out in Volumes 3, 4 and 5 of the 1986-87 Kiwanigram. Ron Keener is the new editor of the Kiwanigram.
- Phil Gramm was the speaker on Oct. 22 at which time he spoke on the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings act which places binding constraints on federal spending so as to balance the budget by 1991.
- This year's Major Emphasis theme for Kiwanis International is "Make Miracles Happen".
- Congressman Charles Stenholm again addressed the club in connection with Farm City Week celebration at Highland Church of Christ.
- The Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation has \$21,712.13 in its principal account. The goal for this year is to raise this amount to \$25,000. As of Aug. 31, 1987 the total was \$24,237.46.
- The Club meeting was held at the Abilene State School Chapel at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, Dec. 23. Supt. Bill Waddill was the speaker. After the meeting the club members presented gifts to residents of two dorms and assisted with their Christmas Party.
- The Kiwanigram editor ran a column called Rorrim Swen each week that highlighted the different community positions in which our club members were serving. Kiwanian's service to Abilene is great.
- The Founder's Day program honored Jim Jennings on Feb. 18. It was a big day for Jim as he was honored and recognized for the great service he has given Kiwanis over many years.
- Scott Fletcher was the Chairman of the Ladies Night Banquet which was held on Feb. 12. Legion of Honor certificates were presented and Ron Keener was honored by being awarded the Kiwanian of the Year.
- Pancake Supper ticket sales Kick-off was on March 4. The club was divided into baseball leagues, The American and National. The goal is to sell \$1 more than last year.

SPIRITUAL AIMS

Can you believe that we are already in the month of July? It seems like yesterday, that we were ringing in the New Year, making resolutions and looking forward to a fresh start. We are now in the second leg of the year and if you're like me, we all need to be reminded of the goals that we set earlier in the year. It's easy to allow the weight of the world and hustle and bustle of life to keep us distracted from those goals. Whether you committed to working out, being more timely, saving more money, reading your bible

By Laquiera Gantt

or simply being more loving, it's not too late to start! Hebrews 12:1-2 says, "let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." God is at the finish line and has fixed the race for us! All we have to do is to continue to run and keep our eyes fixed on Him. So as we finish the second leg of this year, let us continue to do good unto others for the finish line is near. Be blessed.

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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!

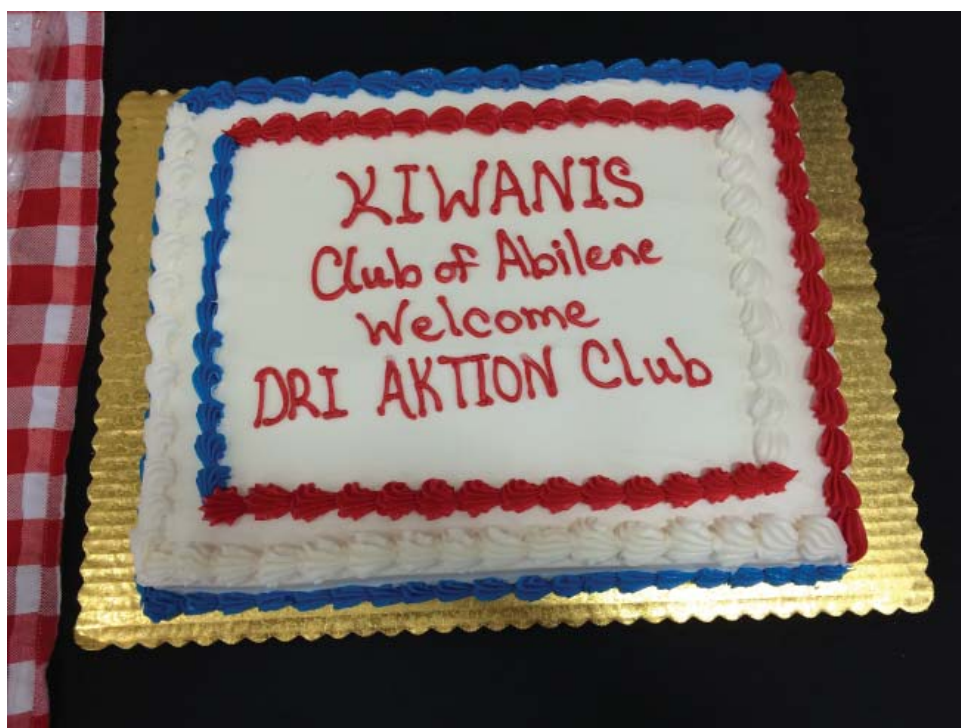
2014-2015 OFFICERS

Jamie Breed - President
Mark Hoover - Immediate Past President
Christine Curtis-Carr - President-Elect
David Jones - Vice President
Guy Lucas - Vice President
Tim Adcock - Treasurer
Faye Dodson - Secretary
Kimberley Cole - Foundation Advisor

2014-2015 DIRECTORS

Two Year:
Roy Dent
Charles Ellis
Keith Garner
Clinton Nix

One Year:
Marty Anderson
Cynthia Laster
Gary Poynor
John Snapp
Ashley Larry



Charter Meeting of Disability Resources Inc. (DRI) Aktion Club



DRI Aktion Club



Gary Poynor, Misty Ball-Huntley, and Aktion President John Keady



Gary Poynor, Misty Ball-Huntley, and Vice-President Jay Blay



Gary Poynor, Misty Ball-Huntley, and Treasurer Ian McKay



Gary Poynor, Misty Ball-Huntley, and Secretary Elissa Brown



DRI Aktion Club Officers Elissa Brown, Jay Blay, John Keady, and Ian McKay



Misty Ball-Huntley and Bill Hoogstra hoist the new DRI Aktion Club banner.

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June 29, 2015

Kiwanis Club of Abilene,

On behalf of the Taylor County 4-Horse Club, I want to thank you for the generous support given the newly formed 4-H Drill Team, *The Freedom Fliers*. For the first time in the history of Taylor County 4-H we will have an equestrian drill team, your donation is a tremendous benefit to our group.

I encourage each of you to come support The Freedom Fliers on July 20 beginning at 6 p.m. during the Drill Team Performance at the State 4-H Horse Show. This group has worked very hard and we want everyone to see how far they have come!

It is our good fortune to have your support as a friend who shares our 4-H mission.

Sincerely,



Kit Horne
Taylor County Extension Agent
4-H & Youth Development

- *An equestrian drill team is a group of horses and riders performing choreographed maneuvers to music. Members must have a uniform appearance, including outfits, hats, & tack. At competitions, a drill team is judged on ability, including spacing and alignment, timing and coordination, originality, difficulty, and attractiveness of patterns, speed, horsemanship, uniformity, manners of the animals, music, and crowd appeal.*