

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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BLAKE WOODALL: DISTRICT COORDINATOR FOR STATE SENATOR TROY FRASER
Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, July 15th



Blake Woodall is a long time Abileneian attending Abilene High and McMurry University. He has worked as the District Coordinator for State Senator Troy Fraser for 16 years. Blake manages the Abilene District Office (one of three), and represents the senator in six of the 17 counties of Senate District 24.

Blake has experienced 20 legislative sessions. He will share Senator Fraser's major accomplishment, summarize his responsibilities in the district, and provide an overview of bills that recently passed in the 84th Session and how they may or may not affect us here.



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KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
 Weekly Meeting
 July 8th, 2015
 Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting	Jamie Breed
Prayer	Earl Williams
Music.....	David Jones
Piano	Jamie Breed
Pledge.....	David Bacon
Guests.....	Mark Hoover
Brag Money	\$1.00 (Tammi Faught)
Cup Money	\$34.03

In our prayers

Cynthia Laster is now in Australia however was recently in the hospital. She is doing better, but please remember her in your prayers.

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 Allison Stafford.....	Randy Williams
Judith Phaneuf	Mark Hoover	
Randy Roewe	David Jones	
Kelley Floyd.....	James Floyd	
From Greater Abilene Club – Bobbi Bieberly		

Program



Randy Williams introduced Vicki Spriggs who serves as CEO of Texas CASA. Vicki explained that the word CASA did not mean “house”, unless you

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

think of a house as a true home that encompasses a family that provides nurturing, love and support for its children.

CASA is an acronym for Court Appointed Special Advocate. The court appoints special advocates to work with children who have been placed in the state’s foster care system. These advocates are volunteers who have a heart for children and want to make a difference in the lives of these children. Volunteers who come to the CASA program are interviewed, trained, given a background check, and then they become volunteers who can be appointed as needed. The volunteer is assigned to one child at a time.

She shared how CASA began and statistics that were certainly amazing. CASA was established in 1979 as an official model. Today there are 949 CASA programs across the United States. The number “One” is still the most important number within the program; the one to one relationship between the CASA volunteer and the child. Texas CASA began ten years later in 1989. There are seventy two CASA programs in the state of Texas and Abilene is the 71st program. Big Country CASA began only one year ago. CASA programs serve 208 of Texas’ 254 counties. Most of the programs are multi-county programs. Last year 8,066 well trained volunteers served 24,742 children!

The challenge today is the number of children who need an advocate. She shared stories of situations where CASA volunteers made a positive impact in children’s lives. Volunteers are needed to serve on the board and to serve as advocates. In addition, funds are needed. She closed by challenging Kiwanians: “We may only be one person in the world, but we can be the world to one person.”

Call the Big Country CASA office at 325-677-6448 or email casa@regionalcrime.org . To learn more go to their web site at <http://www.regionalcrime.org/bigcountrycasa.html>.

President Jamie Breed shared how impactful the organization is to children who come to Harmony Family Services and encouraged Kiwanians to consider becoming involved. She thanked Vicki for the insightful program and communicated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in her honor to help fund scholarships for high school students.

KIWANIANs: LOVE IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ag Committee Announcement

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.

Division 35 Club Leadership Training

Division 35 Club Leadership Training will be led by Gene Linder on Saturday July 25th. The location will be announced soon. This will be a very important training opportunity for all officers and board members however any Kiwanian is invited to attend.

Perfect Attendance: June 2015

Tim Adcock	Donna King
David Bacon	Ashley Larry
Russell Berry	Carl Lockett
Curtis Blackburn	Royce Manning
Michelle Brasher	Ronny Mason
Jamie Breed	Donald McDonald
Price Brock	Nancy Miller
Chris Carnohan	Monroe Nevels
Brandon Carr	Clinton Nix
Lora Lynn Christensen	Don Paige
Faye Dodson	Laurin Parrack
Charles Ellis	Gary Poynor
Key Gantt	Kenneth Poynor
Keith Garner	Donald Scargall
Gayla Gill	William A Smith
Glyn Hammons	Becky Spargo
Jack Harkins	Earl Williams
William Hoogstra	Amanda Wiskow
Mark Hoover	Bobbie Lee Wolfe
David Jones	Mark Young
Richard Kincaid	Twyla Young



Judith Phaneuf was a guest of Mark Hoover

Club Satellite Meeting

Location Change for August Meeting! As you know the July meeting was cancelled due to the weather. It has been rescheduled for August 4th at Lee Elementary- 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. Bring your family, children and friends!

CALENDAR

- 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
- July 25th – Division 35 Club Leadership Training for incoming officers –location to be announced
- August 4th – Club Satellite – 6:00 pm Lee Elementary 4610 N 10th – Pot Luck for all Kiwanians
- 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: 1931

- Donated \$75.00 to the West Texas Children's Aid Association.
- Donated \$15.00 to the annual Christmas Goodfellows Fund.
- Secured entrance for two children to Crippled Children's Hospital.
- Continued distribution of Milk and Ice to children of needy families.

SPIRITUAL AIMS

I love weddings! I love the celebration of two people coming together as one and begin building a life together. I love watching the bride glide down the aisle in her beautiful dress, the sappy music and the most important part of the day, the wedding cake! Weddings are one of my favorite things about life.

There are several couples that I admire and look up to because of the love, compromise and sacrifice that they have for one another. In fact, I'm secretly stashing little nuggets of wisdom that they share with me for my future husband and I (you can come

By Laquiera Gantt

any day now!). Until that time, I am reminded that we are all married to Christ, and just as you'd do anything to make your spouse happy, we have the opportunity to do the same for Him. How many of us truly wake up and ask how can we serve Christ? Galatians 2:20 talks about being crucified with Christ and dieing to self. Galatians 2 is a great reminder that we have the honor and pleasure of waking up each day and choosing to live for Him. Just like we want to please those who are important to us, let's remember to put Jesus on top of the list. He is more than worthy of our attention and devotion. Be blessed!



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