

# KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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## COACHES DAY AT THE KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE!

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, August 26th



Every year for the past 20+ years we have invited the football coaches from the high schools in Abilene to visit our club before their first game and give us an outlook on their teams for the coming season.

This year we will be welcoming a new head coach from Abilene High School, Del Van Cox. He is certainly not new to Abilene, having served as an assistant here for the past 19 years. This year he takes over the head job, left vacant by the resignation of Coach Steve Warren. Coach Cox is a graduate of Angelo State University and has coached in Rotan and Mineral Wells before joining the Abilene High staff.

Coach Todd Moebes begins his fourth season as head coach of the Cooper Cougars. The Cougars have great history and tradition in continuing to have winning seasons and district championships under Coach Moebes leadership, so the challenge is out there to "keep it up"!!

Last year Abilene Christian High School had a lot to live up to, so the new coach Jesse Olvera had a big challenge in front of him. His team played their heart out, but their record didn't show it. This year, hopefully last year's experience will pay off and the team will put more "W's" on the board than "L's".

The Wylie Bulldogs coach, Hugh Sandifer, was invited, as usual, but said he did not have time to meet with us this week.

Gary Grubbs will also be here to give us a preview of the up-coming weekend of Championship Football next weekend in Shotwell Stadium.

We encourage all our members to be present and invite a prospective member to be your guest to hear this program about how coaches in our community impact a large population of the youth of our community. You'll get a little dose of "Pigskin Fever"!!



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# KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting

August 19th, 2015

Abilene Country Club

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| Led Meeting ..... | Jamie Breed   |
| Prayer .....      | Nancy Miller  |
| Music.....        | Russell Berry |
| Piano .....       | Tim Adcock    |
| Pledge.....       | Donna King    |
| Cup Money .....   | \$33.85       |
| Brag Money .....  | \$5.00        |

## In our prayers

Remember Jeff and Marilyn Goodin as he recovers from recent surgery and she continues to recover from a stroke.

Remember Will and Edith Smith, in addition to Kimberley Cole's mother.

Remember Dub Pritchett, John Landry and Palmer McCowan (he recently returned to Abilene from his treatments in Houston!) as well as Monroe Nevels and Kirby Leeson who both recently had surgery.

Remember Joan, wife of George Knight.

Remember Nancy Baker's family. Nancy's sister-in-law has stage 4 cancer.

Pray for students and educators as they return to school soon.

## Guests

Guest.....Member

We had no guests last week. Invite someone to be your guest this week.

## Program

Randy Williams introduced Judge Downing Bolls as the speaker on August 19th. Judge Bolls presented a program on the venue tax and explained how the venue tax board functioned. The tax rate of 2% is a tax on all hotel and motel rooms in Taylor County not just the City of Abilene. Originally the intent for the venue tax was to fund Frontier Texas!. The city did not want to take on the expense of Frontier Texas!, thus the need for funding from an outside source. The whole reason Frontier Texas! was placed where it is today, was to encourage development of downtown Abilene. To collect the venue tax, a project was needed. It was determined that improvements to Shotwell Stadium would help with the plan. So as they put the project together, it was going to go to Frontier Texas!, Taylor County Expo Center and Shotwell Stadium. The board had

# ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus



Model Club Goal: \$71,250  
 Percent of Goal Met: 45.3%  
 Contributions: \$32,256.60  
 Zeller Fellows: 13  
 Pledged Zellers: 11  
 Model Club Members: 3  
 Number of lives saved: 17,920 @ \$1.80 per shot series

to decide what the percentages would be. Because AISD was involved, percentages of funds had to be adjusted. The result was 20% to the school district, Expo Center 25% and the remaining to Frontier Texas!. The proposal went to the voters in February, 2004. Voter turnout was very low and the proposal was voted in by 5% of our registered voters. It is important to note this is a tax paid by visitors to Abilene. Today the project for Shotwell Stadium is complete. As a result, the percentages have been adjusted with 57% going to Frontier Texas! and 43% to Taylor County Expo Center. The board is made up of 5 members. Two are from the county, 2 from the city and 1 that should be independent of both entities. He shared it was important to keep in mind there are 8 years of life remaining before voters will have a chance to vote again on the venue tax. There is discussion about a hotel downtown perhaps that will be a new project for the city. Things continue to change and it is an exciting time.

President Jamie Breed thanked Judge Bolls for the informative program and communicated we would make a donation in his honor to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation to help fund scholarships for students.

KIWANIANS: LOVE IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Calling All Kiwanians!

The new Kiwanis Year begins on October 1, 2015 and President Elect Christine Curtis-Carr is busy making preparations. Please let her know what committee you are interested in serving on. Everyone is needed so if you have a special "hearts desire" now is the time to speak up.

## Dues Increase:

The new dues will go into effect OCTOBER 1 and are as follows:

Regular Members - \$72; Senior/Associate Members - \$33; Club Satellite/Leave of Absence Members - \$16; and Lifetime Members - \$62.

## Free tickets!

Thanks to Sam Ferguson, Athletic Director for McMurry, our club members have been offered free tickets to the McMurry/Southwestern football game on Saturday, September 12. Sign-up sheets will be available at the meetings for the next three weeks.

## Backpacks for Kids!

Each club received several backpacks at the Texas Oklahoma District Convention to fill with items and donate to needy children. Please plan to bring items for the backpacks this week or make a donation for us to purchase items for them. Suggested items are toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks, spiral notebook, pencils, pens, crayons, hand sanitizer, lip balm, shampoo/conditioner, comb and brush, etc.

We have 5 pack backs that need to be filled with school supplies for students. Help us fill those back packs soon.

## West Texas Fair and Rodeo Time!

Don Paige asked for volunteers to help again this year. Sign-up sheets will be on the tables in the coming weeks. Contact Don to get involved.

## District Convention Update

President Jamie Breed with the help of Melvin Martin and Gary Poynor reported on the Convention held in Texarkana the weekend of August 15th. Melvin shared information regarding the new Trustee Amendment that passed. The trustee system will consist of 10 trustees on the district board rather than 38 Lt. Governors. There will also be 5 officers for a total board of 15. Each trustee will represent 2 or 3 Divisions in a region system. Our region is called the Big Country Region and includes Division 35, 12 and 22. Melvin expressed appreciation to Christine Curtis-Carr who was instrumental in communicating the information out to the Districts.

John Sheridan from Houston was elected as Governor-Elect. Jamie had the opportunity to visit with John several times during the convention and communicated he will be a great leader for the Tx-Ok District.

Four hundred four Kiwanians attended the convention with 227 delegates and 128 clubs represented. Gary also gave an update sharing that

it was great to make contact with fellow Kiwanians. Eight Kiwanis Club of Abilene members attended the convention.

The silent auction was a great success for the Eliminate Project. The Kiwanis Club of Abilene donated \$50.00 and the items purchased brought in \$87.00 which will be applied to our Eliminate goal. Next year will be the 98th Tx-Ok Convention and will be held in Allen, Texas. Make plans now to attend in August 2016.

## CALENDAR

- August 29th – Big Country Region – First Baptist Church University Place, located at 302 Hickory Street, Abilene TX 79601
- September 1 – Club Satellite – 6:00 pm Martinez Boys and Girls Club
- September 8 – Division 35 Council Meeting 6:00 pm, Al's Mesquite Grill
- September 30 – Celebration Meeting – a great time to celebrate the 2014-2015 Kiwanis year!

## Eliminate News



During Kiwanis International's centennial year, we've been celebrating the power of 100. But now that number represents more than just a look back at our past. Today, it became a big step forward.

Kiwanis International is pleased to announce that The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus has reached US\$100 million in cash and pledges.

That means the Kiwanis family has saved or protected more than 55 million lives since 2010. And it leaves us just US\$10 million away from our fundraising goal of US\$110 million.

Five years ago, we made a commitment. Now we're on the verge of making history. When that moment comes ... how will you be remembered in Kiwanis history?

Make sure you're part of it! Give today. Then share our big news—and this big opportunity—with family, friends and others.



## SPIRITUAL AIMS

How many Rocky movies have they made? It doesn't really matter because I think the best one was the first one. Rocky Balboa had a dream to be the heavy weight boxing champion of the world so he worked at it. To get it, he would have to "go the distance" with the current champion, Apollo Creed. At the end of the fight he was bloody, swollen, cut, broken, and completely exhausted. But he had finished the fight. I guess you could say that the original Rocky Balboa was the Apostle Paul. He was beaten; stoned; shipwrecked; in dangerous waters, surrounded by robbers, his own countrymen, in the city, in the wilderness and at sea (2 Corinthians 11:22-31). And

*By Randy Williams*

through it all, his one desire was to go the distance for Christ, and he did. He could do this because he trusted Jesus with his life and his future. Complete commitment to our walk of service is true whether it is our Christian walk or our Kiwanis walk. I believe they are actually the same walk of service. We can "Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time" if we will resolve to "go the distance" for the Glory of God. The knowledge of Christ's love for us to love Him is such a way that it is demonstrated in our attitude, conduct, and commitment to serve God.



Downing Bolls answered our questions relating to Abilene's Venue Tax.



It was great to see Pam McGrew at this week's meeting.



Randy Williams introduced this week's program.



Jamie Breed, Nancy Miller, Christine Curtis-Carr, Brandon Carr, and Amanda Wiskow celebrating the 100th birthday of Kiwanis at the TX-OK Convention.

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