

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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9TH ANNUAL MELVIN MARTIN FIRST RESPONDER AWARD PROGRAM Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, September 9th



Please join us this week for our 9th Annual Melvin Martin First Responder Award program. Established in response to the heroic efforts of those first responders in New York City on September 11, 2001, this annual program by our club supports and honors our own first responders here in Abilene and Taylor County. Abilene Police Chief Stan Standridge will be our guest speaker, and the 9th Melvin Martin First Responder Award recipient will be revealed by Retired Abilene Police Chief Melvin Martin, our first honoree and namesake for this award.

Police Chief Stan Standridge began his career with the Abilene Police Department in 1995. He was appointed Chief on July 9, 2009. During his time with the Police Department, Chief Standridge has served as Patrol Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Assistant Chief. He spent a decade on the SWAT Team, served in Internal Affairs, and he continues to teach on several topics to include Ethics, Active Shooter, Racial Profiling, and Islam.

Chief Standridge is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, session 226, as well as the Leadership Command College, class

59. Stan graduated Summa Cum Laude from Midwestern State University, and he is now pursuing an MPA at Sam Houston State University. Prior to his policing career, Stan served in the United States Air Force as a Security Specialist, serving two years overseas and two years at Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene, Texas.

For fun, Stan runs weekly and has completed three marathons and numerous half marathons and triathlons. Chief Standridge thanks God for the opportunity to serve the City of Abilene.



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KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting
September 2nd, 2015
Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting	Jamie Breed
Prayer	Robert Pritz
Music.....	Clinton Nix
Piano	Cynthia Laster
Pledge.....	Donald McDonald
Guests.....	Cynthia Laster
Cup Money	\$38.73
Brag Money	\$5.00 (Earl Williams)

In our prayers

Pray for the family of Don Allen, the young police officer who was murdered in his home this past week. Also pray for the Abilene Police Department who is grieving the loss.

Pray for all First Responders who serve us on a daily basis.

Remember Gordon Dowell's wife Dorothy, who is recovering from foot surgery. We also need to pray for Mark Young who injured his knee. He will receive physical therapy but will not have to have surgery. Coach Cox from Abilene High School requested prayer for one of his coaches, Juan Garcia, who is battling leukemia.

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 as well as Monroe Nevels.

Others:

Kirby Leeson recently had surgery

Joan, wife of George Knight.

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

Guests

Guest.....	Member
Glenn Dromgoole	Don Paige
Al Morotini	Jack Rentz

Program

Mark Hoover introduced Brooke Brown as the speaker on 9/2/15. Brooke is the Community Outreach Coordinator for 2-1-1- Texas, in Abilene. Mark explained that 2-1-1 is a part of the United Way Agency. Brooke explained that 2-1-1, A Call for Help, is a free information and referral help line. The organization is in a public and private collaboration

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

with the City of Abilene, Texas Health and Human Services Commission and the United Way of Abilene. United Way serves as their manager and partner. The service is available 24/7 and is a nationwide service however each state may vary somewhat in services offered. The Abilene office is open from 8:00 to 5:00 daily and is covered by the Dallas office after hours. They have access to a language line to assist those who need that service. She shared the history of 2-1-1 and information regarding efforts to meet the needs of callers who contact them. 2-1-1 makes referrals to the applicable agencies and tracks those efforts which helps the United Way better understand the needs of the community. She stated 2-1-1 is simple and easy. Option 1 is local community resources, option 2 is state benefits, option 3 is to report fraud or abusive situations and option 4 the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry. Additionally there is help for mental or substance abuse. Brooke communicated that 2-1-1 empowers people to seek the help they need. The website for 2-1-1- is www.ACallForHelp.info. She stated 2-1-1 wants to be the number to call when you don't know who to call.

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

KIWANIANS: LOVE IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME Home Cynthia Laster!
We missed you!

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.

Mark Hoover, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, presented the name of John Snapp to be elected as President-Elect for 2015-2016. There were no other nominations and those in attendance unanimously approved John as the President-Elect for the New Year. With the acceptance of this position, there was a vacancy for the position of Vice President. Guy Lucas agreed to serve as Vice President for a 2nd term. There were no other nominations, and those present approved Guy Lucas for the position of Vice President for 2015-2016.

The board for next year will be:

President.....Christine Curtis Carr
President Elect..... John Snapp
Immediate Past-President.....Jamie Breed
Vice Presidents Cynthia Laster; Guy Lucas
TreasurerTim Adcock
Secretary..... TBD by Board - Faye Dodson

Board Members – 2 year term Amanda Wiskow, Gayla Gill, Joe Kimble, and Julie Wagner

Board Members – 1 year term ...Charles Ellis, Clinton Nix, Keith Garner, and, Roy Dent

Dues Increase

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

- Regular Members - \$72
- Senior/Associate Members - \$33
- Club Satellite/Leave of Absence Members - \$16
- 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 meeting next week.

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 or Dennis Laster to get involved.

Big Country Regional Conference News:

Lt. Governor William Smith coordinated the conference held on Saturday, August 29th, 2015. Mark Crouch, from San Angelo was elected to serve as trustee for the Region which includes Division 35, Division 12 and Division 22. Thank you Will, for a job well done!

American Heart Association - Heart Walk

Russell Berry communicated the Heart Walk is scheduled for October 3rd. Envelopes will be on the table in the upcoming weeks for donations to this very important event.

Ramp Committee

The committee could use your help! Contact Kelly Jones or Bill Hoogstra to get involved.

Friends of the Library Presentation

Don Paige, Chairman of the Community Services committee presented Glen Dromgoole, with a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 in memory of our beloved former Treasurer, Ricki Brown. The funds will go towards the new south library branch. Glen communicated the new branch is expected to open early in 2016. He expressed appreciation to the club for the support

BIG NEWS:

The Eliminate Project surpassed US\$100 million in cash and pledges with the start of district conventions. Our new total includes the Canadian government match and a record US\$7.5 million raised in one weekend—the most money Kiwanis International has raised in such a short amount of time.

The fundraising fervor swept across Kiwanis during district conventions this month. Florida, Georgia, Illinois-Eastern Iowa, Montana, Nebraska-Iowa, Southwest and Texas-Oklahoma joined Austria, Belgium-Luxembourg, Capital, France-Monaco, Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee, New Jersey and Taiwan in making district-wide commitments.

"A renewed sense of energy, enthusiasm and commitment is building," says The Eliminate Project Campaign Chairman Randy DeLay. "The Eliminate Project is creating a new culture of transformational giving throughout Kiwanis International."

We have less than US\$10 million left to raise in the next five months. This is an exciting and historic time for The Eliminate Project. Our victory over maternal and neonatal tetanus is not just achievable;

it is inevitable.

"A world free of maternal and neonatal tetanus will soon be a reality," says Kiwanis International President John Button. "It is a great accomplishment to pass the US\$100 million fundraising mark. It is because of our Kiwanis members' devotion to the children of the world that families will no longer know the anguish and pain of losing a mother or baby to tetanus."

Our collective efforts will help save or protect more than 50 million women and babies.

Randy adds, "Our world-changing momentum continues. We can do this. Kiwanis, let's finish what we started."

Celebrate this achievement with us and share the incredible news.

CALENDAR

- September 8 – Division Council Meeting – 6:00pm Al's Mesquite Grill
- September 17 – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon Bogies Sandwich Shop
- September 30 – Celebration Meeting – a great time to celebrate the 2014-2015 Kiwanis year!

Kiwanis Through tthe Years: 2001

- As of October 10, 2001, more than \$350,000.00 has been donated by Kiwanis to the 911 Children's Victim's Fund.
- Governor Nancy Miller and President Kristen Carnohan have established several goals for our club this year. One goal is to add a new project to our continuing service project of "Young Children: Priority One." The Board recently heard a presentation about a project called "See by Three." This involves various pediatric ophthalmologists working with folks in the Abilene area to help screen children below the age of three for a condition generally known as "lazy eye." Once screened, the doctors frequently prescribe an eye patch and usually this very simple process results in the restoration of normal sight. The key is to get this done before the age of three. The Board has taken this on as a new project.
- Russell Berry was elected to the Board as a one year director filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Martin Kemper who moved to Waco.
- Kristen Carnohan and Nancy Miller were presented with Hixson Awards.
- Teresa Walch recognized Haley Hayes, Samantha Rodriguez, and Denver Unterreiner as Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year. Alisha Louis was the outstanding senior youth of the

- year and will go on to San Angelo to compete. IHOP considers it an honor to help Kiwanians with Pancake Day. They have agreed to furnish the batter, syrup, butter, and be there to mix the batter. HOORAY FOR IHOP!!
- John Snapp, Chairman of the Boys & Girls Committee, presented Ricki Brown who heads up the "Read to Me" Committee, a check for \$1,000 to buy books for the Day Care Nursery of Abilene.
- Kelly Jones announced that last week they screened a total of 90 children and they found four children with severe eye problems. These children have been referred to a doctor. Jarrell Young has gone to Costa Rica and took the "See By Three" program with him. They will be using in to screen children in Costa Rica.
- This year's Layperson of the Year is a dedicated servant. He has delivered Meals on Wheels for over 25 years and he is the driving force behind our "See by Three" program. Layperson of the year is Glyn Hammons. Congratulations Glyn!
- Five outstanding scholars were selected to receive \$500 scholarships to further their education. They are Amanda Cutler, Tina Renault, Casey Pittcock, Tyler Pittman, and Pascuala Rivera.
- Governor Nancy Miller reported that our club is ranked number two in the T-O district for the number of new members brought into the club. We have brought in 17 new members this year. (From the May 22, 2002 Kiwanigram)
- President Kristen Carnohan reported that Briarstone is charging \$1 per member more than we are charging our members. The Board does not want to raise dues, so they have decided that once a quarter we will have beans and cornbread.
- Bailey Choate was an active member until his passing on July 31, 2002. He joined Kiwanis on February 28, 1946. Bailey received the Kiwanis International Foundation Tablet of Honor which is the highest level of recognition offered by the KI Foundation. He received the George F. Hixson Fellowship, Legion of Honor, and Kiwanian of the Year awards. He served as President, Lt. Governor, and Governor as well as serving on many committees. He had 43 years of perfect attendance. Bailey was an outstanding man and Kiwanian. He will leave a huge gap in our organization and will certainly be missed.

SPIRITUAL AIMS

Have you ever been so thirsty? I mean to the point where ONLY water could quench that thirst? I have definitely had those moments of thirst and when I drank that water, I felt like all was right with the world! However, I've also experienced a thirst that couldn't be quenched by water, but only by my Father in heaven. There have been some situations in my life in which I've had to go to the word of

By Laquiera Gantt

God and talk with God through prayer in order to get my thirst quenched. Thank God that we have the opportunity to go to Him and drink from a well that will never dry up. And that He is able to make it so that you never thirst again! May we continue to call on Him and allow him to be our life supply of spiritual water. Be blessed!



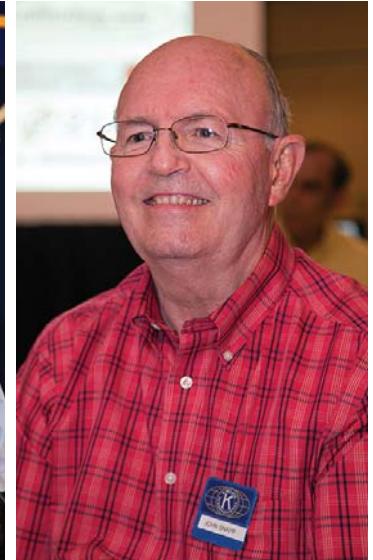
Alexander Morotini II was a guest of Jack Rentz.



It was great to have Cynthia Laster back following an extended visit to Australia.



Glenn Dromgoole accepted \$1000 on behalf of the Friends of the Library for new South-side Branch of the Abilene Public Library.



John Snapp was elected as the 2015-2016 President-Elect.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

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Two Year:
Roy Dent
Charles Ellis
Keith Garner
Clinton Nix

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



**BEN RICHEY
BOYS RANCH
& FAMILY PROGRAM**

8/28/2015

Kiwanis Club of Abilene
473 Cypress Ste. 107
Abilene, TX 79601

Gift Amount: \$350.00

Dear Friends,

We, at the Ben Richey Boys Ranch & Family Program are blessed to have such good friends and supporters who help us help our young men and misplaced families become all they can be and mature into productive citizens in our society. For this, we all say **THANK YOU!**

This year marks our 67th anniversary that Ben Richey Boys Ranch & Family Program has been helping young men and single moms by providing them with a loving, stable environment and the positive role-modeling by everyone at the Ranch. We believe that with strong encouragement, direction, and opportunity, our young men and single moms can and will achieve great things as they grow..

Thank you for being a part of their future!

Warmly,

Kerry Fortune
President

Thank you!

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August 26, 2015

Kiwanis Club of Abilene
Gary Bomar
473 Cypress Street, Ste 107
Abilene, TX 79601

Dear Gary:

Thank you for your donation of \$300.00 to the West Texas Fair & Rodeo Calf Scramble. During the 2015 West Texas PRCA Rodeo September 10-19 twenty youth from Taylor, Nolan, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Callahan, Coleman, Runnels, and Coke 4-H Clubs and FFA chapters will attempt to catch a calf and win prize money towards the purchase of an animal to be shown at the 2016 West Texas Fair & Rodeo. The rodeo begins at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

We are proud to be able to continually encourage local youth to participate in this activity as well as further their knowledge of agriculture by giving them the opportunity to raise an animal. Thank you for making this effort possible, especially in these hard economic times.

Enclosed you will find your tickets as part of your sponsorship packet. The weeklong tickets will gain you admission to the fair as well as the rodeo.

We hope you enjoy the fair and thank you once again for being a sponsor of the Calf Scramble!

Sincerely,

Melissa Shaw

Melissa Shaw
Livestock Secretary