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ROBERT HANNA: CITY MANAGER OF ABILENE

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, September 16th



Robert Hanna was appointed City Manager for the City of Abilene, Texas in April 2015.

Robert was born and raised in Fort Worth, Texas. He received both his Bachelor's Degree in Applied Arts and Sciences and his Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of North Texas. During his graduate program, he served as a Hatton W. Summer Scholar in cooperation with the Dallas based National Center for Policy Analysis.

Robert has served as the City Manager for the City of Dennison, Texas; the assistant City Manager for the City of Weatherford, Texas; the City Administrator for the City of Hudson/Oaks, Texas; and has held various positions with the City of Denton, Texas.

Robert and his wife Cindy enjoy hiking, traveling, and spending time with friends and family members.



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KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting

September 9th, 2015

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting	Jamie Breed
Prayer	Tammi Faught
Music.....	Clinton Nix
Piano	Cynthia Laster
Pledge.....	Carl Lockett
Guests.....	Randy Williams
Cup Money	\$51.50
Brag Money	\$8.00 (Don Scargall)

In our prayers

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
Mary Ann Martin.....	Melvin Martin
Larry Kentz.....	David Jones
Robert and Cindy Hanna	Christine Curtis-Carr
David Jolly.....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Anthony Williams	Jamie Breed

Club Guests: Ismael and Angela Jaimes, Ramon Vasquez and Susie Vasquez, Flora Jaimes and Charlotte Castro, Hunter Holcomb, APD Lt Shain Burks, APD Lt. David Watkins, Assistant Chief of Police, Mike Perry, APD Chief Stan Standridge

Program

Melvin Martin communicated September 9th is indeed a very special day. Nine years ago the program was started to honor a First Responder every year as our way to honor all First Responders. This year is extra special because of the National

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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

Environment that Law Enforcement finds themselves in today. Law Enforcement officers are being targeted and becoming a part of the political process and we have lost fine men and women at an increased rate. As many of you may know, the first award was presented to Melvin Martin and named the Melvin Martin First Responder Award in his honor. The past recipients are:

- 2007 Police Chief Melvin Martin
- 2008 Randy Doan AFD
- 2009 Brian Trail APD
- 2010 Rodney Holder APD (Posthumous)
- 2011 Texas Forest Service
- 2012 Sparky Dean DPS
- 2013 Eddie Harris AFD
- 2014 Justin Gregory Taylor County Sheriff Dept.

This year's recipient is Sergeant Ismael Jaimes and as expressed by Melvin, Ismael is one of the finest officers to ever wear a badge for the Abilene Police Department.

Lt. David Watkins shared that Ismael was born in Mexico. He is married to Angela and has three children. He is the son to Flora and the late Rafael Jaimes. He is the 2nd oldest of 5 brothers. David communicated the town they lived in became very violent and when Ismael was 2 years old, his father decided they had to move. They came to the United States which was a long and difficult journey. His dad worked odd jobs across the state of Texas and ended up in Seymour. They were forced to return to Mexico several times but his parents were determined and proud people. He communicated the strong foundation Ismael's parents instilled in the siblings, teaching them the love of Christ. Ismael served as president of the FFA chapter, maintained strong grades and worked throughout high school to help the family pay the bills. In 1993



First Responder award winner Ismael Jaimes and his wife Angela.



Melvin Martin, Ismael Jaimes, and Chief Stan Standridge.

Ismael became a citizen of the United States of America. In 1996, he graduated from Seymour High School and came to Hardin Simmons University to study Criminal Justice. In 1998 he was selected for Academy 39 for the Abilene Police Department. Ismael became a field training officer and in 2001 he was selected to be in the Canine program. In 2008 to present, Ismael has been a Crisis Negotiator and was assigned to the SWAT team. In 2009 he was assigned to the Narcotics division. Since joining the Canine unit, Ismael has held leadership roles. He is a certified instructor, teaching Spanish and Asset Forfeiture. In 2014 he was promoted to Sergeant. He has received numerous awards including but not limited to, the Medal of Valor, and the Officer of the Year. Lt. Watkins shared a letter that outlined the rescue of a nine year old handicapped girl who had been abducted in addition to other examples of Ismael's enthusiasm and character.

Melvin Martin with Chief Stan Standridge presented the distinguished award to Ismael. Ismael shared his appreciation to the club and acknowledged the support from his leaders throughout the years.

Each year the Kiwanis Club of Abilene makes a donation of \$1,000.00 to the non-profit organization the recipient chooses. Ismael chose for the donation to go to the Melvin Martin Center for Children's Safety.

Chief Standridge has been the Chief of the Abilene Police Department for 6 years and spoke briefly about recruiting officers for the APD. He asked attendees what we as citizens of Abilene thought were important characteristics for officers. Words communicated were: Integrity, honesty, kindness, courage, compassion, mercy, empathy, loyalty, intelligence courageous, perseverance and maturity. The applicant pool is challenging. Does our young generation possess those attributes? He referred to the parable in Matthew 13 that teaches about a farmer sowing good seed. At maturity

the weeds were growing with the seed. We learn that we should not pluck the weeds, but let both the good seed and the bad seed grow to maturity, until harvest time. Society today is a world of hope, promise and victory. We are fighting from victory, not for victory. Weeds are growing but there is a simultaneous rise of righteousness. We fight from victory! Those who stand in the gap of righteousness are needed! The citizens of Abilene are the best recruiters. Know that the applicants are going to come to work for a Godly man, our City Manager. Know they will come to work with specific goals and recognition from their Chief of Police who will fight evil head on, from a position of victory. There are men and women who want to be on the side of righteousness. They can be a part of something epic, good versus evil. Go out and recruit!

President Jamie Breed thanked Chief Standridge for the encouraging words today and communicated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation to help fund scholarships for students.

KIWANIANS: LOVE IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

WELCOME

Welcome our newest member, Al Morotini who is co-sponsored by Kelly Jones and Jack Rentz. Al is an I&C Designer for Rentech Boiler Systems and is



Alexander Morotini was inducted as a new member.

married to Debra. Al has already been involved with building ramps. Welcome Al!!

See By Three

It is See By Three time. Contact Glyn Hammons to take part in the special project. Volunteers from our club screen and refer local pre-school children for vision problems

CALENDAR

- September 17 – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon Bogies Sandwich Shop
- September 30 – Celebration Meeting – a great time to celebrate the 2014-2015 Kiwanis year!
- No Board Meeting in October

Kiwanis Through the Years: 1965

- As of October 10, 2001, more than Lt. Gov. Homer Jordan of San Angelo inducted the new board and officers for 1965.
- This will be the Golden Anniversary year of Kiwanis International.
- D. C. Musick, our faithful Fire Chief, took the club gong home and gave it a good shining. This was the first face lifting the aged gong has had in many a year.
- Pancake Supper activities began on January 14 when a group of 15 Kiwanians met to begin planning. J. O. Cummins is the General Chairman. The date was set for March 16. Total Tickets sold 12,649. Total receipts \$5,861.29. Dispersement \$1,544.86. Net profit \$4316.34
- Dr. Rex Kyker, Past Lt. Gov. reviewed the circumstances surrounding the organization of each of the clubs in Division 12. Abilene was organized Feb. 6, 1921; San Angelo, 1921; Brownwood, 1923; Coleman, 1926; Sweetwater, 1946; Key City, 1962; West Angelo, 1963; West Abilene, 1956; South Abilene, 1960; East Abilene, 1964.
- The week of January 17 was proclaimed

by Mayor Lee Byrd as Kiwanis Golden Anniversary Week. The Abilene Reporter News ran a double page giving recognition to the Golden Anniversary Week of Kiwanis.

- Key City's Kiddyland had a good year in 1964, and has purchased some new rides and repainted the train.
- On March 10 a history of the Pancake Supper up to 1965 was printed in the Kiwanigram. It states "Wiley Caffey was general chairman of the first Pancake Supper which was held in 1940 in the ballroom of the Windsor Hotel (known then as the Hilton). Bert Chapman, Mack Eplen, and Rainey Owen were the cooks. The hotel was the place in 1941. Then came World War II and operations were suspended. The Supper started again in 1951, and was held in the Iris Graham Dining Hall at McMurry College.
- This proved to be grossly inadequate, too. The big event was moved to Rose Field House in 1952 where it has been held ever since. Bert Chapman was general chairman in 1952 and 1953. The crowd has grown from 500 in 1940 to around 7000 now."
- Dr. Rex Kyker announced that he is a candidate for District Governor-elect in 1966 and District Governor in 1967.
- President McKinney announced on March 24 that there would be a dedication ceremony at Camp Tonkawa on Easter Sunday, April 18. The dedication of the Camp Chapel will be conducted by Kiwanian Frank Royal in memory of former Scouter and Kiwanian Skipper Willis.
- Dr. Don Morris, President of Abilene Christian College spoke to the club on April 21, Dr. James H. Landes, President of Hardin-Simmons spoke on May 5, and Dr. Gordon Bennett President of McMurry spoke on May 12.



City Councilman Anthony Williams and Carl Lockett enjoying the meeting.

SPIRITUAL AIMS

As I was preparing for this week's nugget of encouragement, I decided to look through some of my old journals for inspiration. Those journal entries sent me down memory lane and it was amazing to see captured moments of my life on paper. As I read through my journals, I remembered some of the frustration, excitement and uncertainty that I was feeling when writing down particular thoughts about the events going on in my life. It was a blessing to be able to look back at some of those entries and to see how God had answered many of those prayers, opened my heart to forgive myself and others and pointed me into the direction of

By Laquiera Gantt

purpose. Kiwanians, God is in the blessing business! Embrace the moment of life that you're in and KNOW that God is in control. If you're in a season of pain, discouragement or uncertainty, know that it will not last. Joy truly does come in the morning. If you're in a season of prosperity, joy and fulfillment, give thanks to God for this season. I'm so glad that I write out my thoughts, concerns, praises and prayers to God, because it allows me to see Him in every moment of my life. May we all continue to capture life's moments in our hearts and may we always give thanks to God for walking beside us. Be blessed!



Larry Kentz was a guest of David Jones.



First responder Ismael Jaimes with his mother Flora, wife Angela, and daughter Charlotte.



Flora Jaimes, Melvin Martin, Ismael Jaimes, Angela Jaimes, Charlotte Jaimes, and Chief Stan Standridge

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