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The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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LORI THORNTON: CONNECTING CARING COMMUNITIES

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, September 23rd



Lori Thornton has been part of the CCC family since 2007. Discovering an organization whose mission is showing God's love by building relationships with our neighbors spoke to her desire to become part of something transformational. She finds herself being transformed every day by the people of Abilene who share their lives with one another openly and imperfectly.

Lori moved from Mansfield, TX to Abilene, TX in 1995 to attend Abilene Christian University. There she met and fell in love with a fellow drummer, Michael Thornton, and they married the following year. Lori majored in All-Level Art Education and taught K-12th grade art at Abilene Christian Schools for 3 years. She served as assistant director for the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature for 6 years. Lori continues to pursue her artwork through book illustration, pottery, and creating the occasional masterpiece.



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KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
 Weekly Meeting
 September 16th, 2015
 Abilene Country Club



Led Meeting	Jamie Breed
Prayer	Gary Poynor
Music	Clinton Nix
Piano	Cynthia Laster
Pledge.....	Richard Kincaid
Guests	Gayla Gill
Cup Money	\$43.04
Brag Money	\$7.00 (David Jones)

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

In our prayers

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

Pray for our Government leaders.

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
Ann Giddens	Margaret Hoogstra
(Former Member)	

Program

Mark Hoover introduced new City Manager, Robert Hanna as the speaker on September 16th. Robert comes to us from Ft. Worth and his first official day on the job as City Manager was May 18, 2015. Robert shared that communication with government is vital and the current problem many law enforcement agencies are facing. He shared a statement from a police officer quoted in the Wall Street Journal on September 13th that communicated he was deliberately not doing or following up on things he would have in the 1990's. His reason was "fear". Robert shared that "we as

government" fail to share, to communicate and serve as we should. Too often, that communication is broken! It is important that the City of Abilene take time to listen and to communicate effectively. He pointed to an upcoming project on Ambler Street that will cause Ambler to be closed for a time. It is part of progress, but the citizens need to know what will be taking place and when. He stated the desire to find ways to say "yes" to the important things for the community, working with the citizens as partnerships in success ultimately for the community. He commended Abilenians for their friendliness and welcoming spirit.

He spoke of the bond issues, especially the street issues. There are some troubles along the way. The City of Abilene will do their level best to improve the 25 streets identified in the bond. It will be a 5 year project. Ambler is a major issue. There are 3 miles of road that need repair, but many details need to be considered including 15,000 feet of utility line replacement and that was not included in the bond election. This project will be major and lengthy. He named many areas within the city limits that will be included. He assured the audience that all nine propositions would be worked through.

President Jamie Breed thanked Robert for the informative program 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.

Youth Protection Week

President Jamie Breed communicated that Kiwanis International has declared September 13 through 19th as Youth Protection week. She presented the Kiwanis Youth Protection Guidelines to those present on September 16th. President Breed highlighted the following key factors.

- Youth Protection Training is required every year
- Chaperones must be at least 21 year of age
- Kiwanis Club of Abilene requires Criminal Background Checks for every member
- While attending a Kiwanis event with youth that requires an overnight stay, there will be an adult sponsor of the same sex for no more than ten children/youth. Adults will not share a room with youth.
- Transportation: Adults transporting youth in a vehicle should do so with a second adult in the vehicle. If a second adult is not available the "rule of threes" is recommended: at least three people in the car at all times.

Attendees signed off indicating they reviewed the guidelines and will abide by the guidelines.

Gumball Report



Earl Williams communicated we have 1,009 machines in operation. He presented a check in the amount of \$328.66 for the month of August bringing the total to \$266,437.58!

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

Club Leadership Training for 2015-2016

September 30, 2015 is the final date for Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Club officers to receive certified club officer training.

On-line training is available at:

www.KiwanisOne.org/CLE

Please contact Faye Dodson at kiwanis@abilenekiwanis.org for login credentials.

Then click the training you want to take (President, Secretary, etc.) Training is also available for club board members, the membership committee, other committee chairs, and youth protection guidelines. This is great information and will be time well spent.

CALENDAR

- September 30 – Celebration Meeting – a great time to celebrate the 2014-2015 Kiwanis year!
- October 6 – Club Satellite meeting 6 pm at Martinez Boys and Girls Club, 1301 Clinton St
- October 7 – New Kiwanis Year Begins! Join us for the 1st meeting of the 2015-2016 Kiwanis Year and support your new club president, Christine Curtis-Carr
- No Board Meeting in October

Kiwanis Through the Years: 1973

- The new Club officers and directors were installed by Lt. Gov. Bert Chapman. Russell Berry was inducted as a new member on October 11, 1972. He became club President in 1985.
- Senator-Elect and former State Representative, Grant Jones was the speaker on October 8, 1972. He encouraged the passing of Amendment No. 1 which would raise the salaries of the legislators from \$4800 \$8400 per year. He also brought the club up to date on Austin.
- New college faculty members were special guests of the club and heard Dr Allen Cordts, new Dean at McMurry talk about the importance of private colleges.
- A new Evening Kiwanis Club is being organized to be known as the Kiwanis Club of the Big Country. It started meeting at the Bank of Commerce on South 14th St. Nine from or club attended Charter night on Jan. 22, 1973.
- A Boys Ranch boy was awarded \$420 to pay tuition to attend barber school by the Board of Directors.

SPIRITUAL AIMS

Have you ever made a mistake? Have you ever made that same mistake two times? Four times? Ten times? I think that we all can say that we've messed up from time to time. I know that there have been times that I've messed up so bad, that all I wanted to do was crawl under a rock for days! I would beat myself up for what seemed like forever for committing the same mistake or sin over and over again. But I'm here to tell you that there's good news. That's right, good news! We serve a God who says

By Laquiera Gantt

that we are not our mistakes and that He forgives us each and every time that we mess up. He loves us unconditionally and is willing to patiently wait for us to turn that burden over to Him. Our story is not over! God gives us the gift of life and redemption, every morning that we wake up! So if you're allowing Satan to keep you in the bondage of your past, your mistakes or your guilt, let it go! God is in the healing and forgiving business. What a mighty, mighty God we serve.



We were pleased to have City Manager Robert Hanna present our program today.



Gayla Gill introduced our guests.



2015-2016 President-Elect John Snapp was looking very presidential today!



Ann Giddens was a guest of Margaret Hoogstra.

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