

# KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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## LET'S CELEBRATE!

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, September 30th



Let's Celebrate! This week President Jamie Breed will wrap up her year as Club President with a look back over the past year. With the close of this 100th anniversary year of Kiwanis International, we have much to celebrate as Kiwanians. Please join us on Wednesday as we celebrate the accomplishments of individual club members, club committees, and the collective impact of our club on our community and beyond. All club members are encouraged to bring a guest and to wear their Kiwanis shirts, lapel pins, medallions, etc. Kiwanians, let's LOVE IT! LIVE IT! SHARE IT!



**Jamie Breed**  
President



**Christine Curtis-Carr**  
President-Elect



**David Jones**  
Vice President



**Guy Lucas**  
Vice President



**Faye Dodson**  
Secretary



**Tim Adcock**  
Treasurer

**KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE**  
 Weekly Meeting  
 September 23rd, 2015  
 Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting .....	Jamie Breed
Prayer .....	Ken Poynor
Music.....	Clinton Nix
Piano .....	Tim Adcock and Cynthia Laster
Pledge.....	Monroe Nevels
Guests.....	John Snapp
Cup Money .....	\$36.37
Brag Money .....	\$19.00 (Al Morotini)

**In our prayers**

Pray for our Country and for our Government leaders. Pray for Missionaries across the world.

Remember the family of Lorne Sutherlin and members of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene as they mourn the loss of Lorne.

Remember Gordon Dowell's wife Dorothy, who is recovering from foot surgery.

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 Price Brock, Dub Pritchett, Donna King, John Landry and Palmer McCowan as well as Monroe Nevels and James Shields' wife.

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 David Jolly
.....	Faye Dodson

David McCaghren from the Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene

**Program**

Dennis Laster introduced Lori Thornton, Executive Director of Connecting Caring Communities (CCC), as the speaker on September 23rd. Lori stated that a friendship can begin simply by saying hello and shared a story from her childhood when a little girl from across the street introduced herself to Lori. She talked about how we get busy as adults and our lives become more complicated, often missing out on simple joys such as relationships. Why don't we know our neighbors today? Is it a fear of getting involved? Perhaps our attitude needs to be adjusted a bit.

She shared several different ways CCC encourages

**ELIMINATE**  
 maternal/neonatal tetanus



Model Club Goal: \$71,250
Percent of Goal Met: 48.9%
Contributions: \$34,843.60
Zeller Fellows: 15
Pledged Zellers: 9
Model Club Members: 3
Number of lives saved: 19,358 @ \$1.80 per shot series



Lori Thornton presented our program.

community connections. The organization exists to strengthen and renew our community by restoring relationships within the community. The organization is 10 years old and began with 8 willing volunteers. Now there are 113 individuals actively building relationships on their block.

CCC partners with neighborhoods building on the strengths that are inherent to every neighborhood. The work is called "Community Renewal". The focus is to create caring networks within the city, neighborhood blocks, and to very specific neighborhood efforts. Lori shared that individuals could become Care Team members which is an entry step to getting involved.

She shared there are currently three Friendship Houses in Abilene and a new one is being built in the College Heights area. Each house is a tool for change within under resourced neighborhoods. A

CCC coordinator and their family live in the house and become involved in the neighborhood. They help connect neighbors to one another in numerous ways such as pot lucks, prayer walks, summer camps, and neighborhood cleanups. Funding comes through local foundations, grants the United Way, and churches. Lori communicated that volunteers are needed. Call 325-232-8241 or drop by the office at 402 Cypress Suite 420.

President Jamie Breed thanked Lori 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

### See By Three

It is See by Three time. Glyn Hammons communicated the following schedule. Volunteers are needed to help screen and refer local pre-school children for vision problems.

1. Aldersgate United Methodist Academy  
Team Leader - Dianne Martin  
1741 Sayles Blvd. 79605  
Carol Rogers - 677-1045  
30 children  
Oct. 9, 2015 - Friday at 9 a.m.
2. Aldersgate United Methodist Academy  
Team Leader - Dianne Martin  
1741 Sayles Blvd. 79605  
Carol Rogers - 677-1045  
30 children  
Oct. 13, 2015 - Tuesday at 9 a.m.
3. Minda Street Child Development Center  
Team Leader - Lora Lynn Christensen  
855 Minda Street 79602  
Marissa Rodriquez - 676-0500  
15 children  
Oct. 15, 2015 - Thursday at 9 a.m.
4. Kids on Maple Street  
Team Leader - Lora Lynn Christensen  
2450 Maple St. - 79602  
Tina Williams - 695-3016  
25 to 30 children  
Oct. 22, 2015 - Thursday at 9 a.m.
5. Glo Day Care Center

Team Leader - Lora Lynn Christensen  
1333 N. 3rd St. 79601 (Use N. 2nd St entrance)  
Marilyn Smotherman - 675-8125  
30 children  
Oct. 29, 2015 - Thursday at 9 a.m.

*IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP WITH SOME OF THE SCREENINGS, YOU CAN E-MAIL me at glynbetty@aol.com, CALL me at 673-7485, or SIGN UP Wednesday at Kiwanis Club meeting.*

## Project Eliminate



Faye Dodson was presented with a Walter Zeller Award for her support of the Eliminate project.



President Jamie Breed was presented with a Walter Zeller Award.

Mark Hoover gave an update communicating that Project Eliminate continues to move forward and continues to have success. In 16 months we now have contributed \$34,756.60 toward Project Eliminate. That represents 48.9% of the goal totaling \$71,250.00. With the presentation today, we have 15 Walter Zeller Fellows. With these two Zellers today, that represents 19,358 lives this club has directly impacted and saved through the series of shots Project Eliminate provides! The two presentations

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were to Club Secretary, Faye Dodson and President, Jamie Breed! Each recipient received a medallion, pin and certificate.

## Cup Money



Vice Presidents are in charge of determining where our Cup money goes at the end of the Kiwanis year. Vice President David Jones introduced Denise Davidson who works with a neighborhood faith based organization known as the House of Faith. He presented Denise with a check in the amount of \$360.00. Denise expressed her sincere appreciation and shared the non-profit organization that does neighborhood backyard Bible clubs in low income at risk neighborhoods. The clubs are for elementary and youth programs. This summer they started a discipleship program for teenage girls. This fall the group will focus on loving God and loving others in our community. The girls will do three service projects during the year to help them learn how to serve in the community. She thanked the club for the funds and stated they would be very helpful.

## American Heart Association – Heart Walk

The Heart Walk is scheduled for October 3rd. Christine Curtis-Carr, Amanda Wiskow and Gayla Gill will represent the Kiwanis Club of Abilene. Envelopes will be on the table in the upcoming weeks for donations to this very important event.

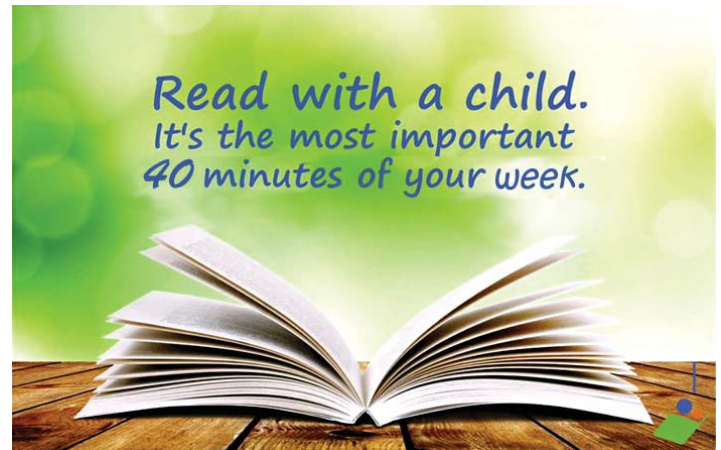
## Key Club

Key Club kicked off the New Year with a meeting last week. They had 36 in attendance for that meeting! WOW!

## CALENDAR

- 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

## Reading at Reagan



One of the ways that our club helps to serve the needs of the children in our community is through the Serving Our Schools committee. Each week volunteers from our club go to Reagan Elementary school and help children who are having difficulty with reading. Do you have about 40 minutes each week that you could give to help a child learn to read? If so, contact SOS Chairman John Ruiz and tell him you would like to help.

We do not have enough volunteers to serve all of the children who need our help.

## Kiwanis Through the Years: 1955

- The club voted to sponsor a girl's softball team and allocated \$75.00, also gave \$25 for Cherry Street Youth Club, and clothing and \$25 to a boy from Boys Ranch for college.
- The club sponsored under the leadership of Hurston Battey the Kiwanis Freedom Award. Abilene citizens were requested to write their nominations for the award. Nib Shaw presented the Award to Bob Bassetti, long time Boy Scout leader and educator in Abilene. The writer of the winning letter was Mrs. John Hutto.
- Fourteen Kiwanians worked on the "Slow Down and Live" auto sticker safety campaign at North First & Grape Street intersection.
- The annual Kiwanis Family Picnic at Camp Tonkawa was a great success with 143 people attending.

## SPIRITUAL AIMS

I'm a firm believer that God does not like pity parties! I know that there have been times where I've invited myself to my very own pity party because things weren't working out the way that I thought they should. I would moan and sulk all while neglecting to go to the source who was able to truly turn those situations around. What I didn't understand was that by throwing these pity parties, I was saying to God that he wasn't able to fix my situation. I wasn't allowing him to use my

*By Laquiera Gantt*

circumstances for his good or even as a testimony to nonbelievers that I served a God bigger than my issues. When faced with trials and tribulations, God wants us to throw a party of celebration because he's about to show up and show out!!! So the next time you find yourself in a challenging situation, don't run to the defeated response, rather brace yourself for what God is going to do through that situation. Be blessed!



Dennis Laster introduced the program.



David Jolly was a guest of Faye Dodson.



It was great to have John Landry at this week's meeting.

### KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. LOVE IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT!

### 2014-2015 OFFICERS

Jamie Breed - President  
Mark Hoover - Immediate Past President  
Christine Curtis-Carr - President-Elect  
David Jones - Vice President  
Guy Lucas - Vice President  
Tim Adcock - Treasurer  
Faye Dodson - Secretary  
Kimberley Cole - Foundation Advisor

### 2014-2015 DIRECTORS

Two Year:  
Roy Dent  
Charles Ellis  
Keith Garner  
Clinton Nix

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



# Kiwanis<sup>®</sup>

International Foundation

September 3, 2015

Kiwanis Club of Abilene  
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1442 Lowden St  
Abilene, TX 79601-1806

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$2,000.00 to The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT). The Eliminate Project, our global campaign for children, is a monumental effort to protect the crucial connection between mother and child.

Your gift helps tremendously as we work toward raising the US\$110 million needed to close the funding gap and save or protect the lives of more than 61 million mothers and their future children. The effects of MNT are excruciating—tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch, unable to be comforted by their parents and caregivers. Kiwanis International and UNICEF are working together with confidence and optimism to eliminate MNT from the face of the Earth. A series of three doses of the vaccine, costing roughly US\$1.80, can protect a mother and her future babies. Your philanthropy helps deliver these life-saving vaccines to disadvantaged women in the most remote places in the world.

Thank you for contributing your time and financial resources to The Eliminate Project. Together, our efforts will ensure that all mothers and newborn babies have the opportunity to live a life without the threat of maternal and neonatal tetanus.

With all good wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ann Updegraff Spleth".

Ann Updegraff Spleth, CFRE  
Chief Operating Officer  
Kiwaniis International Foundation

By the time ya'll get this card, I will have started my semester at angelo state. Because of all of the work and care ya'll do for scholarships, I am here. I spoke to a few of you at the luncheon, and I know ya'll wish you could do more, and for more kids like me. Just know that to me ya'll have helped tremendously. I am forever grateful to the Kiwanis Club for helping reach my goal to study here at angelo state. The good the Kiwanis Club has done for me is immense and I only plan on giving back good into this world whether it is volunteering or just holding a door open, I plan on helping others in some way. I waited this long to send the thank you card, because it hasn't felt real at all, until now that I am all moved in and ready to go for classes. Thanks to the Kiwanis Club I am sitting at my desk in Texan Hall of Angelo State University. I will never forget your thoughtfulness. Keep on being the amazing people that ya'll are and may God bless the Kiwanis Club members. Thank you again for the blessings you've given me. A little goes a long way.

Thanks,  
Desiree Alvarado