

# KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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## CHRISTINE CURTIS-CARR: CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, October 7th



Our newly elected 95th Kiwanis Club of Abilene President, Christine Curtis-Carr, will be our featured speaker this week. She will outline her vision for the next Kiwanis year. Christine is an Abilene native and proud product of Abilene ISD schools. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Abilene Christian University and Master's degree from University of Texas Dallas. Over the past six years she has served as the COOL Program Coordinator/College Advisor where she and her team have successfully helped transition hundreds of first-generation high school students into post-secondary education. She is the newly appointed Executive Director for the Abilene Education Foundation. She is an active member of Kiwanis and since joining the club in 2011 she has served on several committees as well as the Board of Directors. In addition to her club service she is also a member of the Long-Range Planning Committee for the Texas-Oklahoma District. Christine was honored last year as one of the Abilene Reporter-News and Hardin-Simmons University's "20 Under 40" where she highlighted the personal difference being a member of Kiwanis has made in her life. Prior to returning to Abilene in 2009, she served as Director of Investor Relations

for Cawley Partners. She is married to Brandon Carr, Career and Technology Education teacher at ATEMS High School and fellow Kiwanian. Christine is on fire for Kiwanis, and hopes you can make it this Wednesday to hear about the fun year ahead guaranteed to be full of fellowship and service.



Christine Curtis-Carr  
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Vice President



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Vice President



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# KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting  
September 30th, 2015  
Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting .....	Jamie Breed
Prayer .....	Nancy Miller
Music.....	Clinton Nix
Piano .....	Cynthia Laster
Pledge.....	Mac Sipe
Guests .....	Jack Rentz
Cup Money .....	\$52.51
Brag Money .....	\$4.00 (Mark Hoover)

## In our prayers

Pray for those serving in the Military and especially for the families of the 4 Dyess Airman who lost their lives this week.

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, Ronny Mason, 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  
Judith Phaneuf.....Club Guest  
Sherri Statler.....Club Guest  
Larry Kentz.....David Jones  
Greater Abilene Club Members: Bobbi Bieberly and Steven Leggett

## Program

President Jamie Breed facilitated the Celebration Meeting on September 30th. She recognized officers and board members and expressed appreciation to each for their dedication and support during the 2014-2015 Kiwanis year. She expressed special appreciation to Lt. Governor William Smith. Will led Division 35 as Lt. Governor for 2 years and did an incredible job! Club committees were certainly active during the year. The list was long as she expressed the many ways the club lived and shared Kiwanis in the community and world.

There were so many highlights for the year as outlined below!

# ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus



Model Club Goal: \$71,250  
Percent of Goal Met: 51.8%  
Contributions: \$36,889.00  
Zeller Fellows: 15  
Pledged Zellers: 9  
Model Club Members: 3  
Number of lives saved: 20,494 @ \$1.80 per shot series

As Pancake Chair, Christine Curtis-Carr presented the Jim Jennings Golden Wrench award to Randy Williams for his dedication. Randy has been involved with the setup of equipment and is there consistently to help insure things run smoothly.

Club Highlights: New Aktion Club at Disability Resources and new Key Club for Abilene, new BUG (Bring Up Grades) program at Reagan Elementary.

Legion of Honor awards: Melvin Martin 35 years and Guinn Smith 25 years

Perfect Attendance certificates were presented as follows:

- Tim Adcock 5 years
- David Jones 1 year
- Michelle Young 2 years
- Russell Berry 33 years
- Richard Kincaid 8 years
- Brandon Carr 2 years
- Jamie Breed 2 years
- Charles Kirkpatrick 4 years
- LaQuiera Gantt 1 year
- Lora Lynn Christensen 8 years
- Donald McDonald 22 years
- Gayla Gill 1 year
- Christine Curtis-Carr 1 year
- Nancy Miller 28 years
- Stephanie Hodge 2 years
- Keith Garner 34 years
- Gary Poynor 2 years
- Ashley Larry 2 years
- William Hoogstra 18 years
- Ken Poynor 30 years
- Becky Spargo 1 year
- Mark Hoover 3 years
- William A Smith 5 years
- Amanda Wiskow 2 years

The Bailey Choate Award is given for long term service and is not awarded every year but is in memory of long time member Bailey Choate.

Congratulations to Donald McDonald as the 2014-2015 recipient! Donald has been a member for 44 years and is often a silent servant ready to serve wherever needed. Just a couple of areas where he serves, is the annual 4-H Horseshow, serving each year of the 34 years since we became involved, and as Marty Anderson would attest, he is invaluable for the Silent Auction. Donald shared that his grandfather was a founding member of the Plainview Kiwanis Club in 1923 and his father, Dr. McDonald joined our club in 1936. Now that is quite a history of Kiwanis Service! Congratulations Donald!

The C.T. Bush Award is a special award to anyone who makes a contribution of \$500.00 to the Texas-Oklahoma Foundation. This year there was a challenging grant of \$250.00. Congratulations to Nancy Miller as the recipient of the award. Nancy has served in many roles over her 28 years as a member of Kiwanis, including serving as Governor of the Tx-Ok District twice! This year Nancy headed up the governor's special project, Women in Kiwanis scholarship fund. Thanks to her leadership, the fund was totally endowed so that the fund could be used to fund scholarships. Nancy is the first recipient of this award for the Kiwanis Club of Abilene.

Eliminate Project success! We have met 51.8% of our \$71,250.00 goal, contributing \$36,889.00 thus far. Fifteen club members have earned their Zeller Fellowship status with 9 members pledged who are getting close to meeting their commitment along with 3 model club members. To date, funds we have committed have reached 20,494 lives!

The Kiwanian of the Year award was presented by 2013-2014 recipient, Charles Kirkpatrick. The recipient is a Past President, served as Chairman of the nominating committee, Chairman of the Foundation Valedictorian and Salutatorian committee. He served as Chairman of the Club Dues Revision Committee. He did such a good job of explaining the need for the dues increase that the club unanimously voted to approve the dues increase! He is a member of the Program Committee and Chairman of the Eliminate Project.

Congratulations Mark Hoover, the 2014-2015 Kiwanian of the Year!

At the conclusion of the meeting, Vice President's Guy Lucas and David Jones presented Jamie with a framed limited edition lithograph of the evolution of the Kiwanis logo. Congratulations Jamie for a job well done!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### American Heart Association – Heart Walk

The Heart Walk is scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd. Christine Curtis-Carr, Amanda Martin and Gayla Gill represented the Kiwanis Club of Abilene. Russell Berry reported we have contributed approximately \$400.00 to date and he would like to see that increase to at least \$500.00.

### Christian Homes of Abilene



Sherri Statler(left) and Nancy Miller(right)

Young Children Priority One Committee Chair, Nancy Miller, presented a check in the amount of \$500.00 to Sherri Statler for Christian Homes of Abilene. The funds will be used to help with a playground for toddlers. Sherri expressed her appreciation and shared the project to revamp the playground would begin on October 11th. In addition the committee designated 1,000.00 to the Eliminate campaign.

### DRI Aktion Club

The DRI Aktion Club held their first meeting on September 25th. Approximately 25 folks were in attendance for the meeting! Awesome!

### Ramp Committee

October 17th will be a big day for the Ramp Committee. This group is working hard to meet of goal of 10,000 ramps by that date. They are very close to making that goal. It is anticipated that the 10,000th ramp will be built by the Texas Ramp project during the week of October 10-17. Our ramp committee will be working that week in hopes that we get to build the 10,000th ramp!" Contact Kelly Jones, Dennis Laster or Bill Hoogstra to get involved.

## 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 Rodriguez - 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](mailto:glynbetty@aol.com), CALL me at 673-7485, or SIGN UP Wednesday at Kiwanis Club meeting.*

## CALENDAR

- October 6 – Club Satellite meeting 6 pm at Martinez Boys and Girls Club, 1301 Clinton St
- No Board Meeting in October



Nancy Miller was presented the C.T. Bush Award.

## Kiwanis Through the Years: 1947

- Charter Anniversary Program was held on Thursday evening, May 15, 1947, 8 P.M.; Iris Graham Memorial Hall, McMurry Campus.
- The "Rough Neck" bunch had dwindled down to one table.
- A trip through West Texas towns was organized by the club to promote the West Texas Fair in Abilene.
- Club gave \$200 to the Milk Fund and pledged \$50 monthly for October, November and December. This money is collected each week in the Milk Fund Bottles at the club meeting. Usually get \$15 or \$20 each week.
- Ft. Worth Club visited Abilene Club on Oct. 29, 1947. Some came by auto, and some on a DC3 to the Airport as an Inter-club in response to the Inter-club Abilene had on June 5.
- At the end of October, 1947 the Club had 166 members.
- The Club sponsors a Boy Scout Troop, an Explorer Post and a film used for the promotion of Camp Tonkawa.
- Pictures were taken for a pictorial year book where every member's picture is placed in a small ring binder.

## SPIRITUAL AIMS

Have you ever served on a jury? A key strategy for an attorney in the courtroom is to present either the plaintiff or the defendant as having a history of being honest, truthful, and living a life that is above reproach. Why? Because establishing the character of the players is necessary to convincing the jury that what their client is saying is the truth. So, for the plaintiff this could mean a greater likelihood of guilt of the defendant. For the defendant it could mean a greater likelihood of acquittal. In the three years of Jesus' ministry, there is no record of him saying anything that was not true, not demonstrable, and not believable. In John 8:32; 14:16 "the truth" was central to his teaching. Now, put yourselves in the place of his jury. "I will come again and receive you", he said (John 14:3). Your eternal future now depends

*By Randy Williams*

on whether you believe his words or not. American Theologian, R.C. Spoul said, "The Truth of Scripture Demolishes Speculation". Consider yourself now. You sit in court, the accused or the accuser. What of your character will they be able to present to sway the jury to believe you? Ah, Character. I used to tell the juvenile delinquents that I worked with, that their character (reputation) was one of the most valuable things they possessed and that it would influence their entire life. If we are to "Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time" you will need to be perceived as honest, truthful, and living a life that is above reproach. Living life as Jesus did results in the kind of character which is fundamental to leading others toward change.



Guy Lucas and David Jones presented Jamie with the President's Gift.



Donald McDonald was presented the Bailey G. Choate Award.



Mark Hoover was named the Kiwanian of the Year.



Randy Williams was presented the Golden Wrench Award.

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Cynthia Laster- Vice President  
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Julie Wagner

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