

# KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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## ABILENE COMMUNITY THEATRE

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, October 14th



Abilene Community Theatre presented its first play on a borrowed stage in 1954. Chartered by the State of Texas in 1958 the theatre building was constructed that same year in its present location, 809 Barrow St. In June of 2013 the theatre went on hiatus in order to reorganize the operation and address some much needed facility needs. They are very pleased to get back in the swing of things with a full season of great shows and to make season tickets available.

Bruce Bachmann is a retired Abilene business man who has been involved with ACT for the last 40 years. Bruce has been involved in almost all areas of ACT from acting, set construction, technical operations, box office and the Board of Directors. He currently is the Treasurer of the Board and is the acting Business Manager. Bruce is father to Kim Bachmann Baker who was

ACT's office manager for many years and now works with the Abilene Zoo as their membership and volunteer coordinator. He can often be seen around town with his grandson Brenden Baker, 12 years old.

Mike Stephens, VP of Production Support at Abilene Community Theatre, is happily married to Kelly, & is proud dad of Ben & Jay, and dad-in-law to Tandy & Savanna. He is the Database Manager at McMurry, also serving as an adjunct instructor, & academic adviser. He is also a sponsor of the Eta Epsilon Iota Men's Social Club, and has been involved with theatre at McMurry since 2008, having been in shows including LITTLE WOMEN and HAIRSPRAY. He has been actively involved with Abilene Community Theatre since 2010, on stage (SPITFIRE GRILL, BORN YESTERDAY), as well as behind the scenes while directing (W;T, THE ODD COUPLE) & designing sets (LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS, OVER THE TAVERN). He is currently on ACT's board of directors.



Christine Curtis-Carr  
President



John Snapp  
President-Elect



Guy Lucas  
Vice President



Cynthia Laster  
Vice President



Faye Dodson  
Secretary



Tim Adcock  
Treasurer

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE  
 Weekly Meeting  
 October 7th, 2015  
 Abilene Country Club

**ELIMINATE**  
 maternal/neonatal tetanus



Led Meeting ..... Jamie Breed/Christine Curtis-Carr  
 Prayer ..... Carl Lockett  
 Music.....Randy Williams  
 Piano .....Tim Adcock  
 Pledge.....Rob Chastain  
 Guests .....David Bacon  
 Cup Money .....\$30.00

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

**In our prayers**

Pray for the men and women (and their families) who are serving in our Military. 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, also Gordon Dowell's wife Dorothy. Others: Kirby Leeson, Joan, wife of George Knight and Nancy Baker's sister-in-law who has stage 4 cancer.

to support Melvin in the coming year. In addition, Melvin expressed appreciation to outgoing officers for their faithful service.

New Officers Inducted for the 2015-2016 Kiwanis Year!

Lt. Governor Melvin Martin presented lapel pin to officers for the upcoming year and thanked previous board members for their service.

**Guests**

Guest.....Member  
 Paula Dickie, Royce and Kathy Curtis ..... Christine Curtis-Carr  
 Candy Hallford..... Bill Hoogstra  
 "Blue" Bodenhammer..... Tammi Faught  
 Kim Osborne ..... LaQuiera Gant  
 Mary Ann Martin.....Melvin Martin

**Your new leadership team:**

President – Christine Curtis-Carr  
 President Elect – John Snapp  
 Immediate Past President – Jamie Breed  
 Treasurer – Tim Adcock  
 Secretary – Faye Dodson  
 Foundation Advisor – Kimberley Cole  
 Vice President's – Cynthia Laster and Guy Lucas  
 2 year Board Members: Gayla Gill, Amanda Wiskow, Joe Kimble and Julie Wagner  
 1 year Board Members: Roy Dent, Charles Ellis, Clinton Nix

**Program**

President Jamie Breed introduced Lt. Governor Melvin Martin and presented him with his Legion of Honor award for 35 years of Kiwanis service.

Once inducted, Christine Curtis- Carr kicked off her new year as President by inducting THREE NEW MEMBERS as Kiwanians! Those New Members are:

Mary Ann Martin, wife of Lt. Governor Melvin Martin and sponsored by Melvin: Mary Ann is retired from the Abilene Independent School District and will be a great addition to the club! She is also the Vice President for the Melvin Martin Center for Child Safety. Christine presented Mary Ann with a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 on behalf of the club for the center in honor of Melvin. As you recall, Sergeant Ismael Jaimes, recipient of the 1st Responder Award for 2015, requested the monetary amount associated with the award go to the center.

Melvin expressed appreciation to Kiwanis for all the good things that happened to him through support from Kiwanis. He shared his thankfulness for support as he was Chief of Police and to think that we have the Melvin Martin 1st Responder Award now. Just amazing! He commended the club for their continued support of the Eliminate Project and expressed excitement for the opportunity to serve as Lt. Governor for the 2015-2016 Kiwanis Year.

John Landry, sponsored by Keith Garner, joined earlier in the year however due to health issues could not attend. John is a former Kiwanian and glad to be back with us.

He acknowledged out-going Lt. Governor Will Smith for his incredible leadership for the past two years as Lt. Governor. Will thanked Melvin and expressed the importance for club members

Larry Kentz, sponsored by David Jones, is the compliance officer for First Financial Bank and a former Kiwanian from Arizona.

Welcome Mary Ann, John and Larry!



Christine Curtis-Carr was installed as President for 2015-2016.

Christine shared her excitement for the new 2015-2016 Kiwanis year. The theme, "Strengthening our Future: Fun, Fellowship and Service" for this 95th year for the Kiwanis Club of Abilene is the same as our district theme. As we look toward our future, it will become vital that we find ways to add value to our members and their experiences as well as to our community through engaging services. Her charge to us this year, was to "buy a ticket." Buy into what Kiwanis is all about and what we have to offer to the community.

*Fun:* Our year will be a year of fun! She kicked off the fun by asking members to complete a short "get to know you" game. Members received a slip of paper and were asked to list two truths and one lie about themselves. The slips were collected and a slip will be selected each week for the Kiwanigram. You will have the opportunity guess which of the three statements is true about the individual during the Wednesday meeting.

She encouraged members to use their Facebook page to post pictures of Kiwanis news! To kick it off, Amanda Wiskow helped us take a club Selfie to post to the Kiwanis Facebook page. Check It Out!

*Fellowship:* The world is changing, but the need for people to have a place where they belong, where they can be seen by others who also have a heart for service, is more relevant today than ever before.



Cynthia Laster was installed as Vice-President.

The real question is not "Why would someone want to join our club, but why wouldn't they want to join our club!" Our meetings are positive, interactive and social. And our mission to "Change the World One Child and One Community at a Time" is incredibly powerful. This club can provide mentorship to young professionals and she cited the way Carl Lockett helped her as a new member when he asked her to serve as Division 35 chair for Sophomore of the Year before she even finished her 1st year as a Kiwanian. He never left her side, but he supported and encouraged her throughout the process.

*Service:* We use the word service a lot in Kiwanis. Service, is to personify generosity of spirit. It is giving of your time and effort to others who need it. What difference do you want to make? Together we can make a true difference. We are transforming lives. Talk to others about what we are doing in



John Snapp was installed as 2015-2016 President-Elect.

Kiwanis.

Christine closed by encouraging members to:  
This Year, Buy a Ticket!

Closing quote:

"Everybody can make a difference... you don't have to make your subject and verb agree to make a difference. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." – Martin Luther King, Jr.

Join us in: "Strengthening our Future, Fun Fellowship and Service"

You're a Kiwanian...Go out and make your difference today.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### American Heart Association – Heart Walk

Thank you to Christine Curtis-Carr, Amanda Martin and Gayla Gill who represented the Kiwanis Club of Abilene in the Heart Walk on October 3rd. Russell Berry reported club members contributed \$550.00 for the event!

### 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



Kathy and Royce Curtis came to see Christine installed as president.

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.



Maryann Martin was inducted as a new member. Melvin Martin is her sponsor.

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

## CALENDAR

- November 3 – Club Satellite meeting 6 pm at Martinez Boys and Girls Club, 1301 Clinton St
- November 5 - Board Meeting – Bogies Sandwich Shop downtown 12:00 noon
- November 10th – Division 35 Council Meeting 6:00 pm, Al's Mesquite Grill



John Landry was "re-membered" this week. Keith Garner is John's sponsor.

were raised from \$13.50 to \$14.00 beginning January 1, 1977.

- The Kiwanigram was the Bulletin Award winner in the Tex-Okla District club bulletin contest for 1976.
- Club members purchased 60 tickets for the Prayer Breakfast at Dyess Air Force Base. They also furnished tickets for the residents of Boy's Ranch to attend.
- The Board voted to furnish Eagle Scout Kits for those Scouts in the Chisholm Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America who earned the Eagle Scout rank this year.
- Ladies Night Banquet scheduled for February 10 at the Abilene Civic Center Main Lobby. Raymond McDaniel, Master of Ceremonies. Musical program by Ann Davis. Legion of Honor Awards presented to Bert Chapman, James Cassel, Sam Waldrop, Garvin Beauchamp, Reed Ingalsby and Bon Neimann, Jim Griggs, Kiwanian of the Year.



## KIWANIAN: JACK HARKINS

Can you guess the lie? Come to the meeting on October 14th to find out the answer.

1. I once had lunch with Charlton Heston.
2. I have gone trout "fly fishing" in Alaska.
3. I graduated from Stamford High School.

## Kiwanis Through the Years: 1977

- Lt. Gov. Raymond Jones conducted the installation of the new officers and directors of the Club on October 6. President Nicholson was head football coach at ACC (now ACU) when he joined the club 18 years ago. He now is with Amicable Ins. Co. On November 23 the Support of Churches Committee sponsored the Thanksgiving program and Bob Christian was the speaker.
- The Texas-Oklahoma District held its Board Meeting in Abilene at the Sheraton Inn, Nov. 15 & 16. Our own Lt. Gov. Elect, Clive Pierce learned what to start doing. Lt. Gov. & Mrs. Raymond Jones hosted a reception at their home on Saturday evening. Much stress on attendance at the International Convention in Dallas next June. About 125 were in attendance. Lt. Gov. Jones took many visiting Kiwanians on a tour of the city in his 1929 Rolls Royce.
- Meal costs were raised by the Windsor Hotel from \$2.75 to \$3.00 and the monthly dues



Club Satellite practicing yoga with their guest speaker.

## SPIRITUAL AIMS

Kiwanis started in 1915. In June 1924, the Kiwanis Convention held in Denver, CO adopted six permanent OBJECTS to guide the organization. These OBJECTS still serve as guiding purposes of Kiwanis. This article, and the next five, will consider each of these objects. Number 1: TO GIVE primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life.

This seems to be the reason we have a Spiritual Aims emphasis in all we do. Notice TO GIVE is an active verb; it focuses on something we do for someone else. And the focus is primacy to human and spiritual values. Primacy does not suggest exclusive focus rather major focus...in contrast to "the material values of life."

*By Gordon Dowell*

Why this emphasis, this contrast in values? We can only surmise that the early Kiwanians realized that human and spiritual values were far more redeeming and enduring than material values, and that an organization dedicated to rendering service must have a higher focus than acquiring material goods, wealth and power.

Check out these related scriptures:

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35 "Give, and it shall be given to you." Lk. 6:38 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth..." Matt.6:19f "...and love your neighbor as yourself" Lk. 10:27-37 As Kiwanians, our higher value is to dedicate ourselves to giving, to serving, to changing the world one child and one community at a time!



Christine Curtis-Carr presented Maryann Martin with a check in the amount of \$1000 for the Melvin Martin Center for Children's Safety (Safety City).



Amanda Wiskow, Roy Dent, Gayla Gill, and Julie Wagner were installed as Directors.



Lawrence Kentz was inducted as a new member. David Jones is his sponsor.



Faye Dodson and Tim Adcock were installed as secretary and treasurer respectively.

### 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!

### 2015-2016 OFFICERS

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Jamie Breed- Immediate Past President  
John Snapp - President-Elect  
Guy Lucas - Vice President  
Cynthia Laster- Vice President  
Tim Adcock - Treasurer  
Faye Dodson - Secretary  
Kimberley Cole - Foundation Advisor

### 2015-2016 DIRECTORS

Two Year:  
Amanda Wiskow  
Gayla Gill  
Joe Kimble  
Julie Wagner

One Year:  
Roy Dent  
Charles Ellis  
Clinton Nix



First Kiwanis Club of Abilene "selfie". Over 600 views and reposted TX/OK District of Kiwanis on FaceBook.