

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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MUSICIAN GREG YOUNG

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, October 21st



Greg Young is no stranger to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene. He and Catclaw Creek have provided entertainment at our Pancake Day for many years and are always a crowd favorite.

Greg grew up in Hamlin, Tx where it is still socially acceptable to drink from your neighbor's water hose. He and his family moved to Abilene in 1995, after graduating from pharmacy school. Currently, Greg serves as manager of Hendrick Professional Pharmacy and specializes in working one-on-one with outpatients who have chronic medical problems like diabetes and heart failure. Beth, his wife, works for St. Johns School and they have two grown children and two grandchildren.

When Greg is not working or spending time with family, he is probably "pickin' and singin'" somewhere. Besides doing solo gigs, he sings and plays upright bass with the band Catclaw Creek and is a member of

the choir and orchestra at First Baptist Church Abilene, where he and Beth also lead a preschool choir. Greg has been writing music for many years and has had a few of his songs recorded by other artists including Aaron Watson, Jamison-Priest, Ricky Russ and Zach Harmon.

Greg has worked in the Hendrick Hospital system for twenty years. Two years ago Greg's granddaughter Lily received critical and expert care while being in Hendrick Children's Hospital, so he has a strong bond with Hendrick. Greg's latest music project has been the creation of a children's music CD titled "Jump for Joy" and is Greg and Beth's way of giving back to the hospital that means so much to them. All proceeds raised from this project go straight to the Children's Miracle Network and Hendrick Children's Hospital to help other children in need of medical care.

Come to the meeting this week and hear Greg sing and also share his story about this wonderful project.



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KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
 Weekly Meeting
 October 14th, 2015
 Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting	Christine Curtis-Carr
Prayer	Dennis Laster
Music.....	Randy Williams
Piano	Jamie Breed
Pledge.....	Don Scargall
Guests	Jack Harkins
Cup Money	\$45.60
Brag Money	\$11.00 (Gayla Gill)

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.

Program

Lora Lynn Christensen introduced Abilene Community Theatre's Mike Stevens, VP of Production Support, and Bruce Bachmann, Treasurer of the ACT Board as well as the acting Business Manager. Mike has been involved in 29 productions for ACT in just 5 years! He shared a bit of history of ACT stating it was founded back in the 1930's. The earliest production of record is 1954 with a production of "The Apple of His Eye" which was done at Fair Park Auditorium. In 1958, ACT moved to its current location, 849 Barrow, presenting "Twelve Angry Men" as the 1st production. Amazingly, ACT is in its 61st year of operation. Abilene has a thriving theater community. Mike encouraged the crowd to check out the options to see some terrific theatrical productions available in our town. There is an increasing quality of the productions. It truly is an exciting time.

Bruce Bachmann shared some of the recent changes as a result of the one year taken off to evaluate and re-group. They evaluated three important elements for the organization:

- We had to show people that the community theater was something the community wanted
- That the Abilene Community Theater could

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

physically and financially handle the business of the theater

- The production quality was going to improve

There are three buildings that make up the ACT complex. The round building is being used for storage, however that will change sometime in the future. The concentration at the moment is on the main building and the building to the south. The south building was formerly known as ACT II but is now the Abilene Community Theatre Center for Education. Hope Hartgraves and Debbie Crawford are heading up the education program for youth. They started classes for 22 youngsters earlier this month and are working on their first production, "Treasurer Island", scheduled for presentation in December. He talked about the black box theater workshop and the many opportunities for youth.

He closed by encouraging folks to come visit the theater! There are lots of opportunities to volunteer also. And while the website is a work in progress, please check them out at: <http://www.abilenecommunitytheatre.org/>

"The Abilene Community Theatre is a volunteer-driven, non-profit theater established to share and promote theatre arts in Abilene and the Big Country."

Christine thanked Bruce and Mike for the great program and shared we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation to help fund scholarships for students.

We Are Kiwanians! Go Out and Make A Difference Today!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUG's Kick Off

The BUGs committee met with 3rd and 4th graders at Reagan Elementary on October 15th to kick off the new school year.

NEW MEMBER



Charles Kirkpatrick introduced David Jolly as our newest member. David, sponsored by Charles, is a native Abilenian and the son of former member Grady Jolly. David and his wife Susan have 6 children. He is the owner of Jolly Roofing Company. Welcome David!

Box Tops for Education Challenge

Nancy Miller announced that the Key Club has challenged Kiwanis Club of Abilene members to collect Box Tops for Education. You will find these box tops on all types of products such as food cans, Kleenex, cereal and the box tops are like money for kids! Collected box tops will be given to Reagan Elementary to be used to purchase needed items for the school. Bring your box tops and join in this easy and fun project that benefits children. You can help make a difference!

Ramp Committee News

Bill Hoogstra communicated there is a huge push to build ramps this week in an effort to reach a goal of 10,000 ramps. We are in our 9th year of building ramps. Thus far the Kiwanis Club of Abilene has built approximately 150 ramps! Congratulations to the team for their dedication. The article in the Abilene Reporter News this week was terrific!

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.

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.

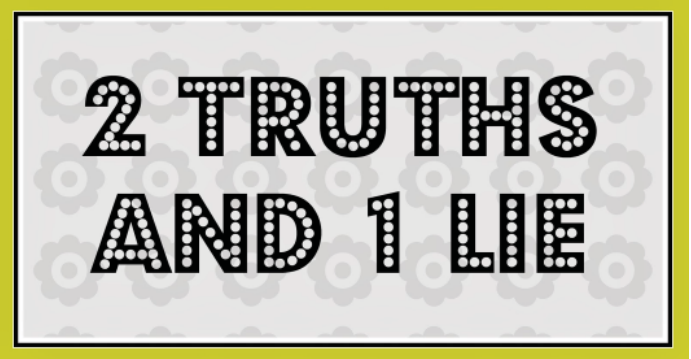
Glo Day Care Center
Team Leader - Lora Lynn Christensen
1333 N. 3rd St. 79601 (Use N. 2nd St entrance)
Marilyn Smotherman - 675-8125
30 children
Oct. 29, 2015 - Thursday at 9 a.m.

IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP WITH SOME OF THE SCREENINGS, YOU CAN E-MAIL GLYN at 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 23rd – Division 35 Council Meeting 6:00 pm, Al's Mesquite Grill

KIWANIAN: KEN POYNOR



Can you guess the lie? Come to the meeting on October 21ST to find out the answer.

1. I have performed on the national stage.
2. I was a National Merit Scholar.
3. I was a drum major for a band.

GUMBALL Report

Earl Williams announced that we now have 1,007 machines in operations. He presented money for the month of September in the amount of \$300.36

bringing the total amount to \$266,737.94!!! WOW!

Kiwanis Through the Years: 2007

- OPENING CEREMONY FOR 2007-2008: Carl Lockett presided over the meeting. Randy Williams led the singing and Millie Brady played the piano. The program was presented by Ralph Fisher who is President of BUZZARD WHISPERER, a non-profit organization dedicated to the education of the public on buzzards and several other animal species. The highlight of the program was when Oscar the buzzard landed on President Lockett's head.
- Earl Williams presented the club with a check for the month of September in the amount of \$436.08. The amount was from a reading of 333 machines for a grand total of \$230,141.92.
- What is Ruby K pin? President Lockett asked members of the club to stand if they had a Ruby K pin. He was encouraging all members to set a goal for themselves as well as the club to achieve a Ruby K pin this year. The Ruby K pin signifies that you have introduced five (5) new members into the club. Think about helping the children of the community, one new member can make all the difference in a child's life.
- Bill Zavatson had the pleasure of recognizing members for having perfect attendance. Van Boozer assisted him in handing out the tabs to: Clarence Presswood 9 years, Kristen Carnohan 11 years, Nell Sims 14 years, Billy Phillips 15 years, Donald McDonald 16 years, Glynn Hammons 21 years, Chris Carnohan 21 years, Ken Poynor 23 years, Russell Berry 23 years, A. C. Johnson 25 years, Grady Jolly 48 years.
- Jeff Goodin presented a special Veteran's Day program. Jeff entered the United States Army as a commissioned officer and had a distinguished career. He saw combat service in Vietnam in 1966-67, and again in 1969 as an attack helicopter pilot. He logged more than 1500 combat flying hours, and survived being shot down four times. This much decorated war hero was awarded the Silver Star, the Soldier's Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross twice, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal for Valor twice, the Army Commendations Medal twice, the Army Commendation Medal for Valor, the Vietnam Cross for Gallantry with Gold Star by the Vietnamese people, and 47 other Air Medals. He retired from the Army in 1980 as a Lieutenant Colonel after 20 years of service.
- The Denton Challenge: The Denton club and the Abilene club were very similar in size so Past Gov. Nancy Miller suggested that we should offer them a membership drive challenge. Denton quickly accepted the challenge and conducted an interclub to Abilene to prove how serious they were. The winner of the challenge would purchase books for the school selected by the winning club. Kimberley Cole designed the slogan "152 it is up to you." It was believed that it would take 152 members to win the challenge. The members of the Club responded and won the challenge; under the direction of Dub Pritchett the chair of the membership committee. JR Velasco arranged transportation through Arrow Ford for an interclub to accept our award. Those in the interclub were Sharon Jones, Van Boozer, Clarence Presswood, Richard Kincaid, Curtis Blackburn, and Carl Lockett.
- The Governors Banquet was held Monday evening December 3rd at the Christian Life Center of First Baptist Church in Clyde, TX. It was great to see so many members in attendance; Grady and Margaret Jolly, Nancy Miller, Bill and Margaret Hoogstra, Kelly and Sharon Jones, LuGene Lewis, Bruce and Charlotte Davis, J.C. and Arlyene McCurdy, Clarence and Dorothy Presswood, Caroline and Richard Lee.
- Henry McGinty and President Lockett presented the staff of Briarstone with a check in the amount of \$668.50. This presentation happens each year at Christmas time and is a collection of gratuities from members to thank the staff for their work in serving us throughout the year.
- Russell Berry chair of the SOS committee presented Moses Hall Jr., Principal and Michelle Bateman, Instructional Coordinator at Reagan Elementary School with a check in the amount of \$750.00.
- International President's Visit: During the international convention in San Antonio President Elect Carl Lockett invited the International Elect President Dave Curry to come for a Visit to The Kiwanis Club of Abilene. He accepted the invitation and International President and his Wife Eva spent four days in April 2008 with our club. We gave them a tour of Abilene, including Frontier Abilene, where lunch was arranged by Margaret Hoogstra.

SPIRITUAL AIMS

In a wealthy culture it's easy for the rich to believe money is the ultimate resource. Not only can money buy things, it can also be used to buy people, their allegiance, their loyalty, or even their protection. Some people even believe money can be used to purchase the favor of God. For instance, a pagan king named Balak tried to purchase the prophetic ability of a pagan "prophet" named Balaam. Balak wanted Balaam to speak a curse upon Israel as they approached the Promised Land. The curse was never spoken, but not for want of a misguided king trying. Much later in Israel's history, the prophet Micah reminded the people of the Balak-Balaam incident in order that they might be reminded of "the righteousness of the Lord". In other words, God's favor cannot be purchased nor His wrath

By Randy Williams

avoided, with money. In the New Testament, others learned this truth the hard way: Ananias and his wife, Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11), and Simon the sorcerer (Acts 8:9-25). Do you need something from God today? Follow the advice of James: "The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16). If we are going to have any hope of "Changing the World, One Child and One Community at a Time", we are going to have to understand that there is no shortcut. It isn't that money is the evil thing, since it usually takes money to help bring about change. But just like in war, we need "boots on the ground" to bring about the "touch" that is needed. May the Lord Our God grant us the hearts to do just that as we seek after His righteousness.



Christine went by to check out a ramp project on October 13.



Bill Hoogstra spoke to the club about Texas Ramp Projects.



Earl Williams shared some amazing numbers in his gumball machine report.



Nancy Miller explained a contest with Key Club for collecting Boxtops for Education.

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