

# KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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## NEW SUPERINTENDENT IN TOWN: DR. DAVID YOUNG

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, October 28th



Almost three months into his position as the Superintendent of the Abilene Independent School District, Dr. David Young will be our speaker this Wednesday. As has been our custom with the past 5 Superintendents, the Kiwanis Club of Abilene has welcomed the new Superintendent to our city within a few months of taking this position.

Dr. Young is a 1990 graduate of Abilene Cooper, having moved here with his family when he was in the fourth grade because his father was stationed at Dyess Air Force Base. He received his undergraduate and doctoral degrees from Texas A&M University.

He had been serving as Superintendent of the Pampa Independent School District since 2012. Prior to moving to Pampa, he served as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for 3 years at Midway ISD. Before that he had served as principal at both the middle and high school levels while serving in the Bryan, Navasota and Grapevine-Colleyville ISDs.

Moving to Abilene with him is his wife, Amanda, who is also a 1992 graduate of Cooper High School. She is an elementary guidance counselor in the local district. You can tell by the names of their children how connected they are to the Abilene community. Their children have the names of local schools in the district: Austin who is a freshman at HSU, a daughter named Madison who is in the 11th grade (quite a runner and soccer player), and Jackson who is in the 8th grade.

Bring a guest and help us give Dr. Young an enthusiastic Kiwanis welcome to the best service club in this or any other universe.



Charles Ellis presented Gwynn Haseltine, Executive Director of Chorus Abilene, with a check for \$400.



Bryan Brock was a guest of Price Brock.



Ellen Jones was a guest of Kelly Jones.



Tammi Faught and her guest, Blue Bodenhammer, joined in the singing.

# KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

## Weekly Meeting

October 21st, 2015

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting .....	Christine Curtis-Carr
Prayer .....	Guinn Smith
Music.....	Randy Williams
Piano .....	Lora Lynn Christensen
Pledge.....	James Floyd
Guests.....	Marty Anderson
Cup Money .....	\$32.76
Brag Money .....	\$3.00

### 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.

### Guests

Guest.....	Member Bryan Brock.....	Price Brock
Ellen Jones .....	Kelly Jones	
Blue Bodenhamer.....	Tammi Faught	
Gwynn Haseltine .....	Club From Greater Abilene Club: Gene Linder, Gary & Gail Jay	

### Program

David Jones introduced Greg Young as the program on October 21st. Greg's wife, Beth was also in attendance. Many in the audience know Greg from his participation in the Catclaw Creek Band that provides entertainment each year at Pancake Day. You may not know that Greg is a pharmacist at Hendrick Medical Center. He shared how his new CD "Jump for Joy: came about. Greg and Beth have two grandchildren, Lillian and Ben. Lillian (Lily) is a miracle baby, born with a heart defect. Six days after she was born, Lily had open heart surgery to repair her heart. It was a tough time, but support made such a difference. She was in the hospital for 6 weeks and after 6 months received a clean report. Now at the age of 3, she is strong and healthy and cleared to play soccer! Ben was born at the Hendrick

Jones wing a couple of years later. With the birth of these two, Beth and Greg decided it was time to get this music project going. It was the desire that proceeds of the project would go to Children's Miracle Network. Things came together with the help of many individuals. Everything on the CD is original and the music is good for children of all ages. 100% of the money raised goes to CMN. Greg led Kiwanians in singing the title song, "Jump for Joy", complete with motions. He also presented a CMN slide show. Greg's closing slide says it all: "The power of one person CAN make a difference in the life of a child!"

CD's can be purchased at the Hendrick Professional Pharmacy or at the Hendrick Gift Shop.

David Jones and Guy Lucas presented a check to Hendrick CMN in the amount of \$1000 in Greg's honor. With these funds, 50 "Jump for Joy" CD's will go to the Hendrick hospital for children. These funds are a second of three presentations from cup money donated in 2014-2015.

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

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

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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

Last week, the Abilene Area Texas Ramp Project Group built 7 ramps. The Kiwanis Club of Abilene team built 4 of those ramps for a total of 110 feet of ramp. It took a total of 18 people (10 from Kiwanis, 8 from Dyess) to complete the ramps. Some folks worked on multiple ramps. The Kiwanians who built/helped were: Joe Kimball, Kelly & Ellen Jones,

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Dennis & Cynthia Laster, Bill Hoogstra, Rod Weeks, Jerry Carter, Don Paige, Tammi Faught and Curtis Blackburn. The Dyess folks were in training to form their own team. A side note: one of the ramps we built was for a couple that is on Bill's Meals-On-Wheels Monday route. They were very appreciative when we built the ramp but when Bill delivered meals to them on Monday, the wife was crying and told Bill that we had restored their freedom!! That is what keeps the Ramp Team building.

## Veterans Day

Veterans Day Program Nov. 11th please bring any military memorabilia. We will have a table set up for us to view/discuss your items.

## See By Three

Glyn Hammons communicated volunteers are needed to help screen and refer local pre-school children for vision problems. Remaining screenings are:

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

## Key Club

The Key Club of Abilene is going strong! Abilene High received permission to meet on-campus during the new "Mega-Lunch" time which is an extended lunch period where students can participate in several activities including community service. Our Key Clubbers meet every Thursday at 12:30 pm at AHS and have been conducting a membership drive the last few weeks. Recent activities include playing bingo with residents at Wisteria Place, helping at Community Gardens and they plan to volunteer at Wisteria's "Spooktacular" event on October 29th. The club is up to 35 members and they are continuing to promote the club on campus in an effort to grow even more. Key Club Officers for the 2015-2016 school year are:

President – Annie LeMasters  
 Vice President – Marie Hutton  
 Secretary – Rylan Shewmaker  
 Treasurer – Tori Dunnam  
 Editor – Shailyn Garrett

## Zeller Fellow



We have another Zeller Fellow! Mark Hoover presented Carl Lockett with his Zeller Award on October 21st. Carl met the goal of contributing \$1,250.00 to reach this accomplishment. Our club goal is \$71,250.00. We are now at \$38,139.00 representing 53.5% of our goal in just 17 months. We now have 16 Zeller Fellows and 8 pending. With this award today, the number of lives saved is 21,188! Carl Congratulations!

## Pancake Dollars!

Charles Ellis, Chairman of the Boys and Girls committee, presented a check in the amount of \$400.00 to Gwynn Haseltine for Chorus Abilene. Gwynn shared that the funds would be used to help purchase music for the spring season. The program "When I Grow Up" will be held on February 27th.

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## Calendar

- November 2 – Division 35 Council Meeting 6:00 pm, Al's Mesquite Grill (note time change)
- 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 25 – Meeting Cancelled (Thanksgiving)
- December 23 – Meeting Cancelled (Christmas)
- December 30 – Meeting Cancelled (New Years)
- June 25 – 28, 2016 Kiwanis International Convention – Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- August 11-14, 2016 Tx-Ok Kiwanis District Convention, Allen, TX



KIWANIAN: RANDY WILLIAMS

Can you guess the lie? Come to the meeting on October 28th to find out the answer.

1. I was the first certified juvenile officer in Texas.
2. I have sung in the home of Pat Boone.
3. I was a champion speed roller skater in CA.

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## SPIRITUAL AIMS

*By Randy Williams*

One of the primary objectives of Kiwanis is to emphasize the importance of people and their spiritual wellbeing rather than to emphasize the material values of life. Each week, we write articles for the Kiwanigram that are meant to touch and bring spiritual meaning and encouragement to you, our members, as we all journey together on this road that God has laid out for us. Last Sunday, my 8 yr. old granddaughter, Hannah, was baptized. Two weeks ago, my 6 month old granddaughter was dedicated to the Lord and prayed over. I count these events as "God's Fruit" in the life of my wife, Gaye Lynn, and I. There is nothing so satisfying as looking at your entire family sitting around the dinner table and seeing how each one is walking faithfully in lives dedicated to the Lord. We are truly a blessed people. In John 1:12, it says, "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." Children of God! That means we have an inheritance. And that inheritance comes with a responsibility to pass on the blessing. Kiwanis is one of the ways we do that. If it is truly our intention to "Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time", then we must recognize how we have been blessed of the Lord and be prepared to share that inheritance with those around us. So, as a Kiwanian, as you look around the world in which you live, what does your "fruit" look like? In Matthew 7:20, Jesus said it this way: "Therefore, by your fruits you will be known". Now, you know what to do so just go out and do it!



# ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus



Model Club Goal: \$71,250  
Percent of Goal Met: 53.5%  
Contributions: \$38,139.00  
Zeller Fellows: 16  
Pledged Zellers: 8  
Model Club Members: 3  
Number of lives saved: 21,188 @ \$1.80 per shot series

## Eliminate News!

- District Fundraising Leaders  
(Based on total funds increased between: 7/16/15 and 10/16/15)
1. Texas-Oklahoma - US\$2,512,541
  2. Georgia - US\$1,842,616
  3. Illinois-Eastern Iowa - US\$1,416,634
  4. Michigan - US\$1,392,353
  5. Nebraska-Iowa - US\$1,021,630

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Kiwaniis is a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

### 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  
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### 2015-2016 DIRECTORS

Two Year:	One Year:
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Gayla Gill	Charles Ellis
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