

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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PRESIDENT/CEO YMCA ABILENE: DAVID HENDRICKS

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, November 4th



David has been the CEO here in Abilene since January, his previous Y experience has been in Palestine and San Angelo Texas. Prior to that he was the Director of a hospital based wellness center. David has a bachelor's degree from Angelo State University and a master's degree from the University of North Texas.

David has worked in the fitness industry for over 25 years and really enjoys being a part of a Christian organization like the YMCA that is truly trying to make a difference in people's lives.

David grew up on his family's ranch in Eden, Texas. He enjoys all types of outdoor sports especially kayaking. David also enjoys snow skiing but sometimes the trees get in the way. He is married to Melissa and they have two daughters that are the joy of his life.



AISD Superintendent David Young addressed our club.



Jamie Breed was presented with a bound copy of all the Kiwanigrams during her presidency.



Charles Ellis presented a donation to Diane Hunt of Young Audiences.



Our club accepts the Key Club's challenge to see which organization can collect the most Box Tops for Education.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting

October 28th, 2015

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting	Christine Curtis-Carr
Prayer	Jerry Carter
Music.....	Randy Williams
Piano	Jamie Breed
Pledge.....	Russell Berry
Guests.....	Rodney Weeks
Cup Money	\$51.51
Brag Money	\$8.00

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.

Others: Kirby Leeson, Joan, wife of George Knight and Nancy Baker’s sister-in-law who has stage 4 cancer.

Guests

Guest.....	Member
Mickey Hayes	Guy Lucas
Ellen Jones	Kelly Jones
Mark Conrad.....	Jack Rentz
Diane Hunt.....	Club
Erica Curry	Club

Program

Russel Berry introduced Dr. David Young, Superintendent of the Abilene Independent School District, as the speaker on October 28th. Dr. Young shared that he served as the president of the Lions Club in Pampa. He wanted the audience to know how much he appreciated the enthusiasm and especially the support of our youth in the community, namely, Reagan Elementary. He stated it was great to be home, noting that he and his wife attended Abilene schools and named their children after the elementary schools they attended here, (Austin, Madison and Jackson). Having been home a short two months, he communicated that it is a pleasure to serve this community. It is awesome to be settling in. He shared that his wife Amanda, is a

counselor at Bowie Elementary.

He gave us a few examples of the great things going on in AISD from sports to music programs and drama. He stated he was so impressed with the program called “The Leader in Me”, based on Stephen Covey’s work and the “7 Habits of Highly Effective People”. The effects of this program, even for 1st graders, are amazing.

He communicated that the bond project is on time and under budget. Bowie elementary reopened this year and Johnston and Bonham will open in the fall as well as a major face lift for Lee. Next, the Head Start program and Long will be addressed.

As the new superintendent, he communicated that it is great to get acquainted with AISD and it has been fabulous thus far. Our greatest strength is our people and we have amazing kids. He stated that we will “focus forward”. What else do we need to do to help kids be successful in the global market place? What will the program look like? What are the interests of our students? What kind of other experiences do they need?

He shared he had a burden for middle school students. It is a tough time for them. How do we keep them connected? It is just hard! You will be hearing about a community conversation to help address this need in the future.

It is about relationships, it’s about connecting with kids, and it’s about community. We are not effective unless we are accepted in that setting. He closed stating that it is always about relationships and engaging the members of our school community.

Christine thanked Dr. Young for coming 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

What is going on at Club Satellite?

Tree Pose....Flexibility...Warrior Pose....Child’s Play....Balance...what do these phrases have in common? They relate to the first program for CS which featured guest speaker Sherri Pope. Sherri is a registered nurse & teaches Body Flow at Power Shack. She spoke on the health benefits of yoga.

Yoga lowers stress, increases flexibility, & has many health benefits. Sherri showed us how to do some poses and then we practiced some of these poses ourselves. How great it was to see those of us stretch our body in ways which was uncomfortable yet satisfying to our muscles. Uh-oh! One of the guests took pictures. One of which was used in a recent Kiwanigram issue!

CS welcomes guests and Wednesday members anytime. Two Wednesday members were present at the October program. Thank you Christine Curtis-Carr and Cynthia Laster for showing up. Cynthia brought a tray full of delicious homemade brownies. Oh so yummy! CS's November program is just around the corner. Erica Currie who coordinates the New Haven Community Center, in the Alameda Subdivision will be our speaker. She will be sharing what the future of this center hopes to accomplish and what it's accomplished so far. CS invites you to come hear Erica Currie November 3rd at the Martinez Boys and Girls Club at 6:00 pm located at 1301 Clinton St.

New Member



Tammi Faught introduced Howard (Blue) Bodenhamer as our newest member! Blue is retired from the US Air Force and now works for Texas Republic Capital Corporation. Blue is a great horseman, father and grandfather. He is a former Trammel Crow partner and a former Kiwanian from Portland Oregon.

Welcome Blue!

Box Tops for Education Challenge

Don't forget about the Key Club challenge! We have collected 352 Box Tops for Education already and we can do more! You will find 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!

Cup Money



Vice President's for 2014-2015, David Jones and Guy Lucas presented the final Cup Money in the amount of \$431.51, to The Alameda Community Center Community Garden. Erica Curry accepted the funds and shared how helpful the funds would be to the community. She wanted the group to know that students from the Alameda neighborhood attend Reagan Elementary! She was excited that we were working together to make a difference. The community garden began 2 years ago and has been a tremendous blessing in the community. Moving forward, the desire is to turn the garden into a method of economic empowerment. This money will help purchase a rototiller for the ongoing project.

Pancake Dollars

Charles Ellis, Chairman of the Boys and Girls Committee made a presentation of Pancake Dollars in the amount of \$500.00. Diane Hunt accepted the funds for Abilene Arts Alliance, supporting Young Audiences of Abilene. Diane shared what a fun time the meeting had been! These Pancake Dollars will help fund a residency at Bowie Elementary. This is a drama residency that takes place on campus after school for children interested in theater. The money will help pay for the teacher and provide t-shirts for the children.

Veterans Day

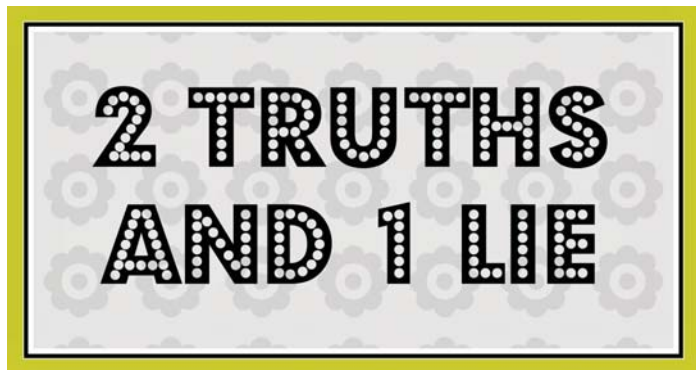
Veterans Day Program Nov. 11th please bring any military memorabilia. We will have a table set up for

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us to view/discuss your items.

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: CYNTHIA LASTER

Can you guess the lie? Come to the meeting on November 4th to find out the answer.

1. I sent my brother-in-law to buy a cabbage patch doll.
2. I have a son who lives in Australia.
3. I burned down a field across from my house.

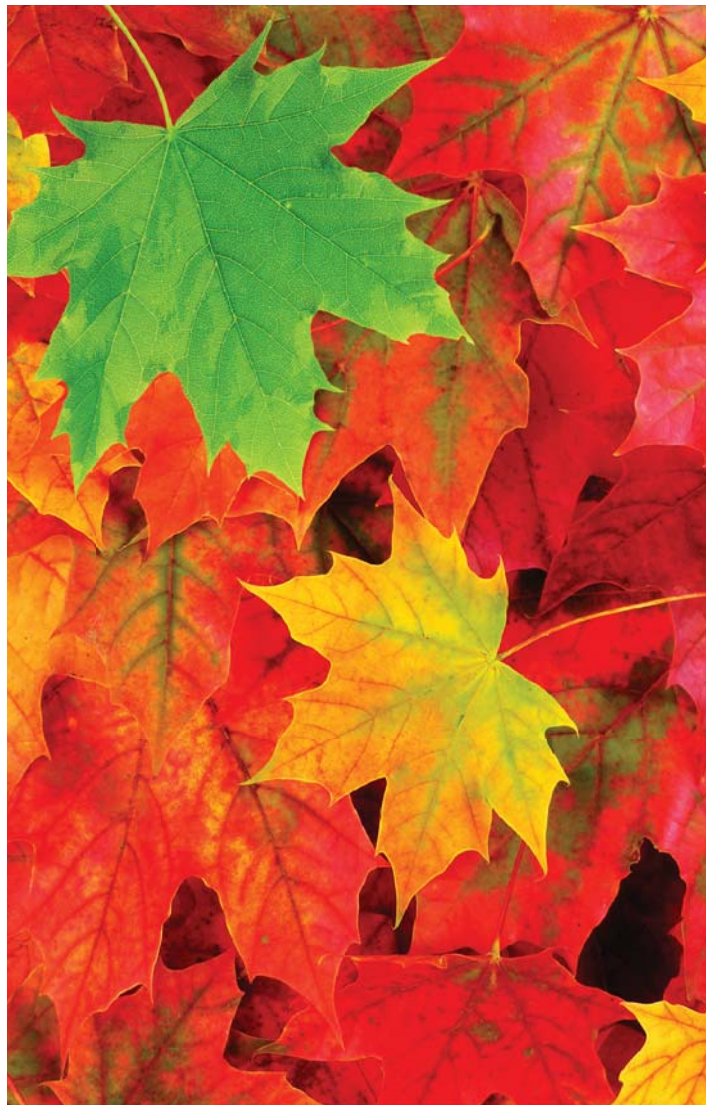
SPIRITUAL AIMS

By Mark Young

I love the autumn! The crispness in the air, the escape from the heat of summer, and the beauty to be found in trees turning color as they prepare to drop their leaves. I like to think of it as God's word of encouragement to get us through the dreariness of winter. The autumn brings us Thanksgiving; a time to reflect on our blessings from the Father. Unfortunately it may be the only time we stop to reflect when it is obvious through scripture the giving of thanks should be an ongoing act of worship. Granted, some blessings are easy to see and easy to be thankful for: a warm house to live in, a job to go to daily, freedom that comes from living in America, and for me personally, getting to start each morning with the beautiful smile of my sweet Twyla.

Some blessings are not so easy to be thankful for as David demonstrated in the 69th Psalm, a rather discouraging psalm of being overwhelmed, drowning in the conflict of his world. However, in the middle of this rather frightening psalm, he writes, "I will sing praises to God's name! I will magnify him as I give him thanks! That will please the Lord more than an ox or a bull with horns and hooves. (Psalm 69:30-31)"

So during this month let us give thanks for the easy blessings to count and also thanks for the blessings not so easy to enumerate; blessings that come from conflict, sadness, weariness but end up with our Lord's deliverance. May we demonstrate such gratitude to those around us as we serve our community.



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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