

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTER: BRAZOS CONDRA

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, November 18th



The program will be Brazos Condra, Family and Youth minister at the First Christian Church. Brazos grew up in Abilene attending Abilene High and then graduating from Abilene Christian University, where he met his wife Katie. Katie teaches English at Abilene High and they have two children, Avonlea and Pecos.

Brazos worked for several years as a professional potter before going into ministry but he stills uses his skill to illustrate his devotional thoughts. This week he still speak about our being grateful for the way our Lord molds us for his service.



Chuck Sims gave the program.



Lora Lynn Christensen led the music.



Carl Lockett led the prayer.



John Snapp introduced guests.



Amanda Wiskow taking t-shirt orders.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting

November 11th, 2015

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting Christine Curtis-Carr
Prayer Carl Lockett
Music.....Lora Lynn Christensen
PianoTim Adcock
Pledge.....Melvin Martin
Guests John Snapp
Cup Money\$39.50
Brag Money \$3.00 (Al Morotini)

In our prayers

Our Veterans

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, Monroe Nevels and James Shields wife, also Gordon Dowell's wife Dorothy.

Others: Kirby Leeson, Joan, wife of George Knight

Guests

Guest.....Member
Debra Morotini.....Al Morotini
Robin WalkerJack Rentz

Program

Randy Williams shared a special poem by Cheryl Dyson titled "Veterans Day".

President Christine Curtis-Carr asked those who brought items to explain their memorabilia brought to the meeting.

Lora Lynn Christenson introduced Chuck Sims as the speaker for the meeting. Chuck, a very talented individual, spoke about our American Flag. He led the group in singing "You're a Grand Ole Flag", "American the Beautiful" and concluded with "The Star Spangled Banner"

He shared how Betsy Ross made the first flag but there is not proof that specific people such as George Washington came to her to commission her to create the flag.

He talked about the US Flag Code and the fact that it is public law. It has to do with display, colors, do and don'ts of the flag. It was signed into law in 1923. Between 1776 and 1923 we didn't have a public law that dealt with the American Flag. The original flag had 13 stripes and 13 stars in a circle.

VETERANS DAY

By Cheryl Dyson

On Veterans Day we honor all,
Who answered to a service call.
Soldiers young, and soldiers old,
Fought for freedom, brave and bold.
Some have lived, while others died,
And all of them deserve our pride.
We're proud of all the soldiers who,
Kept thinking of red, white and blue.
They fought for us and all our rights,
They fought through many days and nights.
And though we may not know each name,
We thank ALL veterans just the same.



Poem by Cheryl Dyson

The 13 stars represented a new constellation to the world. They were placed on a blue field which represented the universe. Then there were the red and white stripes. As states were added, more stripes were added. It was decided to change that and add stars for each new state and to go back to the 13 stripes as a standard. Today, stars can only be added on July 4th.

The flag code is Chapter 1 Title IV of the US code. It is a federal law and became public law June 22, 1942. The penalty for non-compliance with this law is not enforceable because the Supreme Court said it was a violation of freedom of speech to enforce the law. He shared some of the elements of the law and it was clear that we do not comply with that law.

He talked briefly about the Pledge of Allegiance which was written in 1892 by Francis Bellamy. He wrote the pledge as an effort to build patriotism for our country. Original words were:

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In 1923, the words, "the Flag of the United States of America" were added. At this time it read:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and

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justice for all."

In 1954, in response to the Communist threat of the times, President Eisenhower encouraged Congress to add the words "under God," creating the 31-word pledge we say today. Today it reads:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

He also talked briefly about our National Anthem which was decided in 1916 although America the Beautiful was often thought to be the National Anthem. He communicated how Francis Scott Key wrote the words we know today as the Star Spangled Banner and concluded the program by asking everyone to join in singing our National Anthem.

Christine thanked Chuck for the insightful program and shared we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in his honor 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

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!

Volunteer opportunity with City Sidewalks

The downtown parade will be held on Tuesday December 1, 2015. Please sign up at club and let member Tammi Faught know you plan to be there. Don't forget to wear your Kiwanis shirt!

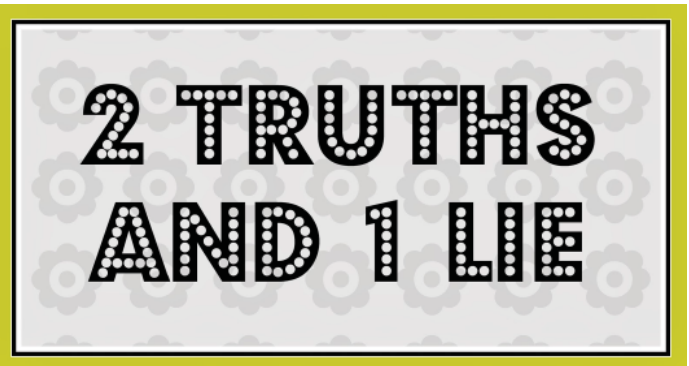
Board Vacancy

Our club currently has a 1 year board vacancy. Christine Curtis-Carr thanked Keith Garner for his service, due to the change in our meeting time he had to step down. She announced the board of directors would like to bring the nomination of CS

member Becky Spargo to fill the 1 year term vacancy. Next week we will have an official vote as well as open up nominations from the floor.

Calendar

- November 25 – Meeting Cancelled (Thanksgiving)
- December 1 – Club Satellite NO MEETING – Members will help with the Boys & Girls Club Float for City Sidewalks
- December 3 – Board Meeting, 12:00 Noon Bogie's Sandwich Shop
- December 8 – Division 35 Council Meeting 6:00 pm, Al's Mesquite Grill (note time change)
- December 23 – Meeting Cancelled (Christmas)
- December 30 – Meeting Cancelled (New Years)
- April 30, 2016 – PANCAKE DAY
- June 25 – 28, 2016 Kiwanis International Convention – Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- August 11-14, 2016 Tx-Ok Kiwanis District Convention, Allen, TX



KIWANIAN: ROYCE MANNING

Can you guess the lie? Come to the meeting on November 18th to find out the answer.

1. I married my wife of 54 years at age 21.
2. I have six siblings.
3. My wife and I have two grandsons.



Debra Moronti was a guest of Al Moronti.

SPIRITUAL AIMS

By Mark Young

I don't know of anyone who enjoys being called out. How we are called out might have more to do with the unpleasantness of the experience than anything else but if it is done in a manner of holding us accountable, we truly should be thankful for the experience. One of my favorite people in Amarillo was Charles "Cheesy" Gray. He was a retired conductor for the Sante Fe Railroad and went to church with me, took me hunting, and best of all, told great stories of how life was in Cherokee, Texas during the Depression. I always sought out his input because he never minced words and got right to the point.

One Wednesday night I had just finished the devotional thought at church and was quite proud of myself and afterwards saw Cheesy making a beeline for me. He pulled me aside and my prideful self thought, "Wow, this is going to be quite some compliment" when he asked, "Did I really hear you refer to my Father, my

Redeemer, as "the man upstairs?"

I knew it was a rhetorical question but I answered him anyway trying to sluff off the reference as the way the world spoke. He looked at me with an intensity I hadn't seen before and asked, "How can you refer to my Lord who took me from the bottle and loneliness to restoring my family and giving me worth as "the man upstairs?" How can you refer to my Lord who transformed me from wife beater to devoted husband as "the man upstairs?" How can you refer to my Lord in any term that sells short the grace he brought upon us?" Well I had been properly chastised by a man who had nothing but the best intentions for me and I am not sure anyone else could have had the effect he did on me.

Even today I find myself thankful for the Cheesy Grays in my life who hold me accountable. They are truly a blessing worthy of gratitude. May the Lord continue to bless us with such people!

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION



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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