

# KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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## DANNY SIMS: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GLOBAL SAMARITAN RESOURCES

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, December 2nd



Danny Sims is Executive Director of Global Samaritan Resources – a Christian humanitarian aid organization headquartered in Abilene, Texas.

Danny is a 1985 graduate of Abilene Christian University. He holds the Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication and the MA in Organizational Communication with an emphasis in management from ACU in 1987.

Global Samaritan Resources is a Christian humanitarian relief organization that has helped people in over thirty nations on five continents. Before he began his work at Global Samaritan, he served as Senior Pastor of two Texas churches for a total of 25 years. He is an adjunct professor of communication at McMurry University. Danny has spoken at various conferences, seminars, and churches across the U.S. and internationally. He has also interviewed several prominent personalities as part of Global Samaritan events, including George W. Bush, Condoleezza Rice and NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Terry Bradshaw. Danny often writes guest columns for The Abilene Reporter News and has contributed to the popular website heartlight.org.

Danny is active in civic and volunteer organizations. He often appears in stage productions at Abilene's historic Paramount Theatre.

He is married to Suzanne who is the Administrative Coordinator for Alumni Relations at ACU. They have two children, Elijah who is a first year student at UCLA School of Law and Hannah who is a junior at ACU.



Lora Lynn Christensen led the music.



Bill Hoogstra led the prayer.



Mark Young introduced the speaker.



Brazos Condra presented the program.

# KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

## Weekly Meeting

November 18th, 2015

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting ..... Christine Curtis-Carr  
 Prayer ..... Bill Hoogstra  
 Music.....Lora Lynn Christensen  
 Piano .....Jamie Breed  
 Pledge.....Twyla Young  
 Guests.....Gayla Gill (no guests this week)  
 Cup Money .....\$31.35  
 Brag Money ..... \$4.00 (Randy Williams)

### In our prayers

Remember Jeff and Marilyn Goodin as he recovers from recent surgery and she continues to recover from a stroke. Royce Manning was hospitalized recently. Please remember him in prayer. Remember Will and Edith Smith, in addition to Kimberley Cole’s mother. Remember Price Brock, Dub Pritchett, Donna King, John Landry, Monroe Nevels and James Shields wife, also Gordon Dowell’s wife Dorothy. Tim Adcock’s father passed away last Sunday, keep him and his family in your prayers.

Others: Kirby Leeson, Joan, wife of George Knight

### Program

Mark Young introduced Brazos Condra as the speaker on November 18th. Brazos serves as the Minister of Youth and Education at First Christian Church. He is a professional potter and makes pottery jewelry. Brazos shared how a hardened clump of clay was restored much like our own lives. He took a hard block of clay and used a few tools to create something unique. We are like that block of clay. He shared how God molds and shapes us to form us into something that is useful. If we fail to let the Master Potter work in our lives we definitely will not be the vessel God intends for us to be. Throughout the stages of his presentation, Brazos shared how working with the clay was similar to God working in our lives. The finished product was “not finished”, but instead continued to be a work in progress as we are with Christ.

Christine thanked Brazos for the wonderful 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

## Welcome Our Newest Member!



Tony Crisp was introduced by sponsor Mark Young as our newest Club Satellite member on November 18th. Welcome Tony! We are glad you are here! Our Builders Clubs are run by Tony so it is only right that Tony be a Kiwanian!

### Box Tops For Education Challenge

Don’t forget about the Key Club challenge! 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!

### Volunteer Opportunity With Light Up A Life

Let Don Paige know if you can participate.

### Board Vacancy Filled

Becky Spargo is our newest board member. Thank you Becky for stepping up to fill the one year vacancy!

### We Have A New Zeller Fellow!

Jamie Breed presented Donald McDonald with his Walter Zeller Fellowship Medallion and pin during



the November 18th meeting. This is an honorary award as the Bailey Choate recipient in 2014-2015 which comes with a \$1,000.00 monetary amount that can be designated to a non-profit or the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation. The decision was to use those funds to fund a Zeller award for Donald. President Christine Curtis-Carr communicated that we are at \$39,389.00 from the club or 55.3% of the goal of \$71,250.00. We have 17 Zeller Fellows and 9 pledge Zellers, one of which is a new enrollee this month! The amount to date represents 21,883 lives saved from Neonatal Tetanus. She shared a letter from Kiwanis International recognizing the club at a Bronze level based on our achievement. We also have a new Eliminate patch for our banner. Congratulations Kiwanians!

**Calendar**

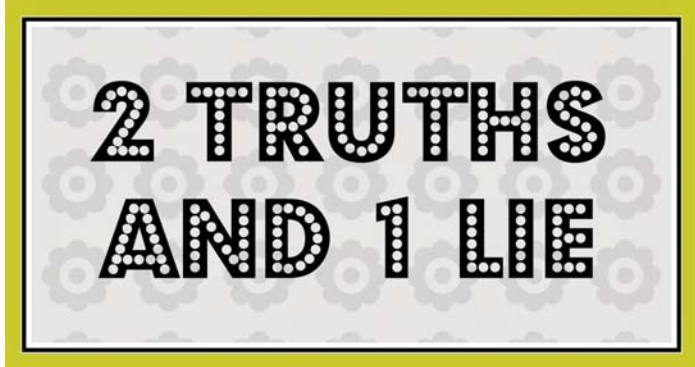
- December 1 – Club Satellite NO MEETING – Members will help with the Boys & Girls Club Float for City Sidewalks
- December 3 – Board Meeting, 12:00 Noon Bogie’s Sandwich Shop
- December 8 – Division 35 Council Meeting 6:00 pm, Al’s Mesquite Grill (note time change)
- December 23 – Meeting Cancelled (Christmas)
- December 30 – Meeting Cancelled (New Year’s)
- 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

**BUG (Bringing Up Grades) Program**

Ten third grade students and eight fourth grade students from Reagan Elementary were recognized by our club on Thursday, November 19th. Jamie Breed presented certificates and lapel pins to the students for making the BUG Honor Roll for the



2nd Six Weeks of school. Chris Halifax, the school principal, also had a candy treat for the children and informed them their picture would be in the school newsletter and their names would be mentioned in the school’s morning announcements. To be eligible, students had to maintain their grades from the first Six Weeks AND bring up at least one subject by a letter grade. Students who made straight A’s the first six weeks were able to make the BUG Honor Roll by maintaining their straight A’s. Jamie encouraged all of the 3rd and 4th grade students to work hard to achieve the BUG Honor Roll next semester.



**KIWANIAN: JERRY CARTER**  
 Can you guess the lie? Come to the meeting on December 2nd to find out the answer.

1. I shot a 93 today (first of October).
2. I bike 5 days a week.
3. I was born in Abilene.



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## SPIRITUAL AIMS

*By Mark Young*

As Thanksgiving is fresh on our minds and hearts, I am reminded of the psalmist who wrote,

*Shout out praises to the Lord, all the earth!  
Worship the Lord with joy!*

*Enter his presence with joyful singing!  
Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us and we belong to him; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give him thanks! Praise his name! For the Lord is good. His loyal love endures, and he is faithful through all generations. (Psams 100)*

Having grown up working sheep on my grandparents' farm, it would bug me the psalmist would refer to us as sheep and later, even Jesus used

this reference. Sheep aren't very high on the list of intelligent animals, in fact they are rather stupid creatures who tend to only worry about eating, sleeping, and dying. They are constant work, often letting their desire for greener pastures lead them into destructive situations. I know, I know, I have just described our society as a whole and perhaps my irritation at the terminology is more because it hits to close to home.

So when I think of it in that light, I understand the thanksgiving of the psalmist... God takes care of us and watches over us in spite of our stubborn selfish ways. His forgiveness covers our efficient shortcoming ways and He is able to cover us with the blood of His son. I can't think of a more worthy reason to enter the gates with thanksgiving!



Dear Kiwanis Club members,  
On October 24, Weatherization Day,  
33 homes were weatherized by over  
140 volunteers. Your donation was used  
to purchase materials, such as plastic  
window coverings. Now those homes will  
be protected from the cold winter winds.  
We gratefully acknowledge your  
generous donation and appreciate  
your continued support of the Abilene  
Volunteer Weatherization Program. Thank you!  
Sincerely,  
Mary Anne Sides  
AVWSP Secretary

# ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus



Model Club Goal: \$71,250  
 Percent of Goal Met: 55.3%  
 Contributions: \$39,389.00  
 Zeller Fellows: 17  
 Pledged Zellers: 9  
 Model Club Members: 3  
 Number of lives saved: 21,883 @ \$1.80 per shot series



# Kiwanis

## Perfect Attendance - November

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Tim Adcock            | Carl Lockett       |
| Russell Berry         | Melvin Martin      |
| Blue Bodenhamer       | Donald McDonald    |
| Zach Briley           | John Miller        |
| Price Brock           | Al Morotini        |
| Rob Chastain          | Monroe Nevels      |
| Lora Lynn Christensen | Clinton Nix        |
| Christine Curtis-Carr | Gary Poynor        |
| Charles Ellis         | Kenneth Poynor     |
| Keith Garner          | William A Smith    |
| Gayla Gill            | John Snapp         |
| Margaret Hoogstra     | Becky Spargo       |
| William Hoogstra      | Earl Williams      |
| David Jones           | Randy Williams     |
| Richard Kincaid       | Amanda Wiskow      |
| Donna King            | Bobbie Lee Wolfe   |
| Charles Kirkpatrick   | Mark Young         |
| Cynthia Laster        | <b>Twyla Young</b> |
| Dennis Laster         |                    |

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

### 2015-2016 OFFICERS

- Christine Curtis-Carr - President  
 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

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|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Two Year:</b> | <b>One Year:</b> |
| Amanda Wiskow    | Roy Dent         |
| Gayla Gill       | Charles Ellis    |
| Joe Kimble       | Clinton Nix      |
| Julie Wagner     | Becky Spargo     |



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