

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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ELIZABETH DUCEY MOSS: CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, December 16th



Elizabeth Ducey Moss is a native of Newfoundland, Canada and is currently serving as Assistant Professor of Voice at McMurry University. Prior to joining the faculty at McMurry, Dr. Moss taught at Illinois Wesleyan University for eight years in addition to her service on the voice faculties of North Central College and Webster University. Ducey Moss's professional operatic credits include leading roles in *The Magic Flute*, *Così Fan Tutte*, *Don Giovanni*, *Madama Butterfly*, *Les Contes d'Hoffmann*, *Hänsel und Gretel*, *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, and *Die Fledermaus*. Her oratorio credits include Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis*, Mendelssohn's *Elijah* and Mozart's *Requiem*.

Ducey Moss completed her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in vocal performance and literature at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign where she was the 2001 recipient of the Stotler Fellowship. She received the Master of Music degree from Binghamton University and the Bachelor of Arts in Music from Acadia University.

Dr. Moss is a member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing, College Music Society, Texas Music Educators Association, and an honorary member of Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity.

Dr. Moss, accompanied by Lora Lynn Christensen, will present a program of seasonal classical and popular music. Even if you are not yet in the Christmas spirit, "O Holy Night" will bless your heart and move you.

Please invite spouses and other guests for this special Christmas program.



Faye Dodson led the opening prayer.



John Snapp introduced the guests.



Bobbie Wolfe talked about our club's support of Scouting.



Keith Robertson presented the program.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting

December 9th, 2015

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting Christine Curtis-Carr
Prayer Faye Dodson
Music Don Scargall
Piano Lora Lynn Christensen
Pledge Zach Briley
Guests John Snapp
Cup Money \$31.00
Brag Money \$10.00 (Donald McDonald)

In our prayers

Keep Lt. Governor Melvin Martin in your prayers as he is seriously ill with vertigo and complications. Past Lt. Governor Will Smith has graciously stepped up to serve while Melvin is recuperating.

Remember David Bacon and Tim Adcock and their families. David's mother, Betty Bacon passed away on November 23rd and Tim's Dad, Herb Adcock, passed away on November 22nd.

Monroe Nevels has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and is beginning radiation treatment. Remember him in your prayers.

Prayer Praise- Club Satellite member Annette Collins resigned earlier in the year as she was dealing with kidney cancer. We recently learned from Annette that she received a clear report! She hopes to rejoin Kiwanis soon.

Remember Jeff and Marilyn Goodin as he recovers from recent surgery and she continues to recover from a stroke. 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, Royce Manning and James Shields wife, also Gordon Dowell's wife Dorothy.

Others: Kirby Leeson, Joan, wife of George Knight

Guests

Guest Member
Ellen Jones Kelly Jones
Mark Conrad Bobbie Wolfe

Program

Randy Williams introduced Keith Roberson, Campus Pastor to Beltway Park Baptist Church, North Campus as the Spiritual Aims speaker on December 9th. Keith shared that ultimately, we should be about service to others. He communicated that in life we



The Big Country Aktion Club sponsored a food and clothing drive to support Mission Thanksgiving. The club collected 7 full barrels which were then dropped off for Love and Care Ministries as part of its annual Mission Thanksgiving campaign. Club members also decorated the barrels.

tend to focus on winning, even at Christmas; best decorations, best gift, and the most tasks completed, or winning at whatever is in front of us. Christmas should not be about "getting through all the stuff". So how do we "Win at Christmas"? Do we come to the end of the holiday feeling tired and empty? God came to fix, restore and bring life. How do we win at Christmas? How do we come through with joy and refreshed?

Super Simple: Be Intentional! Do "it" on purpose! See what is coming for us and own it! Go beyond checking off the task list. It is the "WHY Jesus Came". Matthew 20 tells us the Son of Man, came, not to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.

Intentionally Serve Others: Think of ways we can be intentional about serving others. Take on the heart of Jesus to serve the community. Thus the aim can be to seek to serve.

Intentionally choose joy: Joy is about who lives inside of us. Let's be alive, it is better than living in sadness, brokenness and disappointment.

Intentionally Slow Down: Enjoy the things in front of us. Remember what Christ has already done for us.

Show Intentional Love: Choose to love someone who is difficult to love. Express love and kindness (I John 4:10 – In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He Loved US!) Choose to love people.

Give to someone who needs, but can't give back. Not only monetarily, but by giving of yourself.

Experience joy as you walk through this season and enter the year 2016. Pastor Keith closed in prayer: Thank you Lord for loving us with an everlasting love. Call us to experience the joy you have for us. Give us grace to step in in some way to serve others.

Christine thanked Keith 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

Boy Scout Troop 206 Invitation

Bobbie Wolfe announced that the Boy Scout Troop which we have sponsored since 1943 will have a special demonstration for Kiwanians from 7:00 pm to 8:00pm on Tuesday January 12th at the McGinty Scout Hut (next to Hendrick Home at 2318 Jackson Street). We hope many of you will make plans to attend this special event. As many of you will recall, the "hut" is named in honor of long time Kiwanian, Henry McGinty, who certainly had a love for the Boy Scouts of America and was instrumental in securing the location for Troop 206 so many years ago.

Volunteer Opportunity With Light Up a Life

Let Don Paige know if you can participate. Volunteers are needed for 2 hour shifts through December 23rd.

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. 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!



Santa (Zach Briley) and elf (Donna King) were at the meeting today.

Calendar

- December 23 – Meeting Cancelled (Christmas)
- December 30 – Meeting Cancelled (New Year's)
- January 4, 2016 – Division 35 Council Meeting 6:00 pm, Al's Mesquite Grill (note day and time change)
- January 5, 2016 – Club Satellite meeting 6 pm at Martinez Boys and Girls Club, 1301 Clinton St
- January 7, 2016 – Board Meeting, 12:00 Noon Bogie's Sandwich Shop
- January 12, 2016 – Boy Scout Troop 206 Program at McGinty Scout Hut, 2318 Jackson Street, 7:00pm
- 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



SPIRITUAL AIMS

By Stephanie Hodge

Do you ever sit and count all your blessings? Making notice of all life's simple pleasures like spending family time, or being able to sleep in an extra hour. Do you acknowledge the things that you receive, big or small, living as if everything were a miracle and everyday a blessing. Being Grateful in Life not only reduces stress but improves health and relationships below are 10 ways to be grateful daily. Please share with someone else and include others with you dally gratitude.

10 ways to be Grateful on a daily: Greg Sargent

1. Keep a Gratitude Journal.
2. Remember the Bad. To be grateful in your current state, it is helpful to remember the hard times that you once experienced.
3. Ask Yourself Three Questions. "What have I

received from __?", "What have I given to __?", and "What troubles and difficulty have I caused?"

4. Learn Prayers of Gratitude.
5. Come to Your Senses. Through our senses—the ability to touch, see, smell, taste, and hear—we gain an appreciation of what it means to be human and of what an incredible miracle it is to be alive.
6. Use Visual Reminders.
7. Make a Vow to Practice Gratitude.
8. Watch your Language. Grateful people have a particular linguistic style that uses the language of gifts, givers, blessings, blessed, fortune, fortunate, and abundance.
9. Go Through the Motions. If you go through grateful motions, the emotion of gratitude should be triggered. Grateful motions include smiling, saying thank you, and writing letters of gratitude.
10. Think Outside the Box.



Children's
Miracle Network
Hospitals

HENDRICK
Children's Hospital

November 13, 2015

Kiwanis Club of Abilene
473 Cypress St, Ste 107
Abilene, TX 79601

Dear Kiwanis Club of Abilene,

Thank you for supporting Children's Miracle Network at Hendrick Children's Hospital through your generous donation of \$1,000.00, in honor of *Greg Young*. Children's Miracle Network is blessed to have community members like you who share our passion for helping the children of our community.

We appreciate so much your willingness to volunteer at Hendrick Medical Center. Your service to the many areas of the hospital where you work is very helpful!

Thank you for your generosity, and we hope you will consider supporting Children's Miracle Network again in the future. Because of your donation, Children's Miracle Network will be able to serve many more local children during the coming year.

Sincerely,

Melinda Blay
Coordinator
Children's Miracle Network

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

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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