

# KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



March 16th, 2016

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## COLONEL DAVID M. BENSON: DYESS AIR FORCE BASE

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, March 16th



Col. David M. Benson is the 7th Bomb Wing Commander, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. As commander, he is responsible for the health and welfare of more than 12,000 active duty members, civilian employees and family members. In addition, he provides combat-ready B-1 aircraft, crews and associated combat support for global engagement taskings.

Col. Benson received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 1993. He is a T-38 and B-2A instructor pilot and evaluator with over 2,900 flight hours and has flown B-2 combat missions during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. He was selected to be in the first USAF Weapons School B-2 class and went on to be Director of Operations and then Commander for the 325th Weapons Squadron.

Prior to his current assignment, the colonel was the Commander, 509th Operations Group, Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo.



Melvin Martin introduced the program.



Randy "The Commish" Williams is the Boss of the Molasses Gang.



"King Earl" Williams made a gumball machine presentation.



Ann Giddens was the guest of Margaret Hoogstra.

# KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

## Weekly Meeting

March 9th, 2016

## Abilene Country Club

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| Led Meeting ..... | Christine Curtis-Carr   |
| Prayer .....      | Jerry Carter            |
| Music.....        | David Jones             |
| Piano .....       | Jamie Breed             |
| Pledge.....       | Al Morotini             |
| Guests.....       | Bobbie Wolfe            |
| Brag .....        | \$8.00 (Marty Anderson) |
| Cup Money .....   | \$35.55                 |

### In our prayers

Keith Garner had shoulder surgery on February 24th to repair a torn rotator cuff and torn tendon.

John Landry is at Northern Oaks, Room 110.

Continue to remember him in prayer and cards and visits are welcome.

Praise: Kirby Leeson is home from the hospital and improving. He isn't up to seeing visitors yet but will let us know when that changes.

Price Brock is doing well recovering from a recent surgery at Hendrick Hospital. Cards and prayers are welcome.

Remember Will and Edith Smith, in addition to Kimberley Cole's mother and Faye Dodson's mother. Remember Dub Pritchett, Donna King, and James Shields wife, also Gordon Dowell's wife Dorothy, Others: Joan, wife of George Knight, Monroe Nevels, Annette Collins and Jeff & Marilyn Goodin.

### Guests

Ann Giddens ..... Margaret Hoogstra

### Program

Melvin Martin introduced Jay Moore as the speaker on March 9th. Jay spoke on the decade of the 60's. The last time Jay came, he talked about sports in Abilene. He learned afterwards that Earl Williams either scored the last touchdown as the Woodson Black Eagles or the 1st touchdown when they became the Woodson Rams. He went on to talk about the success of the Blue Sox and talked about the Knothole Gang.

Did you know Larry's Better Burger has been in Abilene since 1953? And do you remember AAA Drive-In, owned by Bill Casey? There were 5 AAA's in Abilene at one time.

Change really occurred in 1958 when Mr. Eplen came into the picture. In June of 1958 Mac Eplen's opened on North 1st and Shelton. Jay talked about

the food served including their char-burgers and Kentucky Fried Chicken. The downtown crowd could enjoy good food and cigarette smoke at the Cypress Street location and over on Hickory Mr. Eplen had another eating spot.

We learned about Wally's on Butternut and the Dixie Pig on Butternut and South 14th. He talked about Towne Crier, Greer's, Farilitos, Turnerhill's BBQ and other memorable places to eat. Did you remember or know the Kiwanis Club of Abilene met at the Windsor in the 60's? And how about Old Abilene Town which was a joint effort of Mr. Eplen and Mr. Casey.

He talked about Shotwell Stadium which became a reality by a scant 42 votes in 1957. The stadium opened as the Abilene Public Schools Stadium with the 1st game played 9/11/1959 as the states 4th state ranked Abilene Eagles took on 2nd ranked San Antonio Jefferson's. It was a chilly night with 13,000 fans present for the game. The Eagles won that game 14-12 which allowed Coach Moser to retain his record to never lose a season opener. This was his last season as coach for the Abilene Eagles and the last year for Abilene to be a one high school football town. We learned in 1966 the stadium was renamed Shotwell in honor of Coach Pete E. Shotwell.

Jay shared interesting details regarding Loop 322 and the Winters Freeway. The top news story in 1959 according to the newspaper was to make some downtown improvements. Streets were repaved for 42 blocks, storm sewers were installed, curbs were redone, sidewalks replaced and the Butternut and Mockingbird underpasses were dug out.

He reminded us of Minter's, Grissom's and Thornton's department stores. We were reminded of other businesses including Gibson's, Wards, J.C. Penny's, and shopping centers within the community.

Jay shared details about our schools and so much more! This truly was an interesting program.

Christine thanked Jay for the wonderful program and communicated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in his honor to help fund scholarships for students.

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

*SELL PANCAKE TICKETS – HELP WITH SILENT AUCTION ITEM!*

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Kiwanis One Day

Each year, Kiwanis clubs around the world join in a day of service. In 2016, Kiwanis One Day is April 2. It's a global effort, but it's made of personal commitments. Bill Hoogstra announced the Ramp Committee will be building a ramp on that day. The location will be announced soon, and all Kiwanians are invited to participate on this project. Kiwanis One Day is our club's chance to make a difference in our community and the world.

### Kiwanis T-Shirts



Get your Kiwanis T-Shirts!! Let's show our Love for Kiwanis! Cost is \$15.00 and orders will be taken again on March 16th to give us plenty of time to have them ready for Pancake Day.

### Gumball Report - Earl Williams

Earl presented two checks representing proceeds for January and February totaling \$576.00 the Grand Total to date is \$268,576.96!!!!

### KIWANIAN: Tammi Faught

Can you guess the lie? Come to the meeting on March 16th to find out the answer.

1. Is a certified scuba diver.
2. Loves to play poker.
3. Has a horse names trigger.

### Calendar

- April 5, 2016 – Club Satellite meeting 6 pm at Martinez Boys and Girls Club, 1301 Clinton St
- April 14th – Board Meeting, 12:00 Noon – Location pending (Note Date Change)
- April 20th – Leadership Day 2016 Reagan Elementary School, 5340 Hartford Street 8:30 – 10:30 – RSVP by April 8th at 325-690-3627

### FUTURE DATES:

- April 30, 2016 – PANCAKE DAY
- May 26, 2016 – Annual Division 35 Prayer Breakfast – Bobbie and Bernice Wolfe's Barn, 24 Avenida De Silva, Abilene TX 79602
- June 25 – 28, 2016 Kiwanis International Convention – Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- August 11-14, 2016 Tx-Ok Kiwanis District Convention, Allen, TX

### BUG Honor Roll Students: 4th Six Weeks



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## SPIRITUAL AIMS

*By Randy Williams*



When I graduated high school, I was just certain that I was destined to be a professional singer of some kind. So, I enrolled in the local Jr. College as a music major. I played guitar and saxophone and sang but I didn't play the piano. I quickly learned that not being a piano player was a huge disadvantage. I loved performing but struggled with the technical or theory part of music. My inability to excel in music as I believed I was destined to, was traumatic. I was frustrated for several years until I found myself working for the Youth Division of the Stockton Police Department and suddenly everything seemed to fall into place. Music continues to be a major part of my life but not in the way I had thought it would be and even that continues to evolve. The truth is that I thought I wanted one thing but God's purposes for me were something different. Because of that, things did not progress the way that I had planned. There is no doubt in my mind that God has been preparing me all throughout my life for the things He has called me to. You see, He didn't just call me to music or law enforcement, or even to public service. He called me to all three and He may even be preparing me for something that I am not even currently aware of. Each call brought with it certain boundaries and levels of achievement that I had to go through. Sometimes it was confusing and even painful but I trusted His plan. You can not necessarily determine what God's purpose for you is right now. He may have plans for you that you never dreamed of nor that you could ever see coming based on your current circumstances. God expects you to seek him and when you do that, He will work it all out for you according to His purpose (Matthew 6:33). You really want to "Change the World, Once Child and One Community at a Time", then walk trustingly in the Lord knowing that He loves you and will bring you fully into, are you ready for this... His purpose for your life!

# ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus



## Pancake Ticket Sales Update Week One

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Molls & Dolls.....  | \$320.00   |
| Bees Knees.....     | \$80.00    |
| Look-Outs.....      | \$620.00   |
| Molasses Gang ..... | \$420.00   |
| Total Teams .....   | \$1,440.00 |

Top Salesman – Molasses Gang Member – Carl Lockett with \$205.00

2nd place – Look Out Team member – Charles Kirkpatrick with \$190.00

Several of you brought in more than \$100.00 for the 1st week

Let's Sell Tickets!!

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

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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to improving 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      |
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