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BRIAN HAWKINS: SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW TEXAS...THINK AGAIN!

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We are blessed to have an individual speaking with us today who not only lives in Abilene, but also calls the State of Texas home. He's truly traveled the backroads and been exposed to the hinterlands of this great state to help tell the story of some unique Texans and locations.

Brian Hawkins was born in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, but moved to Lubbock, Texas at the age of 14. He fell in love with the huge skies of West Texas and most important, the people,,,and never went back to the Tarheel State.

He graduated from Texas Tech and worked at two television stations in Lubbock, then joined WFAA-TV in Dallas in 1984. He joined Bob Phillips with Texas Country Reporter in 1988. He's been traveling the backroads of Texas ever since....28 years. He moved from Dallas to Kerrville, lived there for several years, then in 2011 he married Ninette Arena who was raised in Snyder and after realizing there is no place like West Texas, they moved back to the Big Country where they call Abilene home.

The Texas Country Reporter has been produced since 1972, and if you've watched it on KTXS on Saturdays at 6:30PM, you'll notice that the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau is one of the major sponsors of the program. In the nearly 30 years Brian has been helping produce, write, film, and edit the show, he has compiled two important lists: "The 10 Things Every Texan Needs To See" and "The 10 Best Places To Eat In Texas". These are places you don't read about in the typical travel magazines; these are places he has been to, experienced and been witness to for decades, yet VERY few people are aware they exist.

So, Kiwanians, decide to bring a guest with you to this very interesting program and you might even want to take notes and make some Texas travel plans.



President-Elect John Snapp resigned. He and his wife are moving to Dallas.



Earl Williams gave the gumball report.



Russell Berry introduced the program.



Dr. K. O. Long presented the program.



Barry Wellins was a guest of Kimberley Cole.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting

May 25th, 2016

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting	Christine Curtis-Carr
Prayer	Earl Williams
Music.....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Piano	Jamie Breed
Pledge.....	Don Scargall
Guests.....	John Snapp
Cup Money	\$24.00
Brag Money	\$10.00 (Marty Anderson)

In our prayers

Remember Zach Briley and family. Zack's grandfather passed away last week and funeral services were held on May 25th.

Remember Carl Lockett, Keith Garner and Monroe Nevels, Kimberley Cole's mother, Donna King, and James Shields' wife. Also remember Gordon Dowell and wife Dorothy, Others: Joan, wife of George Knight and Annette Collins, Jeff Goodin, and Kirby Leeson

Guests

Guest.....	Member
Barry Wellins.....	Kimberley Cole
Marilyn Long	Russell Berry
Tommy Dodson.....	Faye Dodson
Lane Miller	Faye Dodson
Don Christensen	Lora Lynn Christensen
Haus & Cody Allen.....	Chris Carnohan
Steven Leggett from Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene	

Program

Russell Berry introduced Dr. K.O. Long as the speaker on May 25th. Russell shared that words from the song, America the Beautiful... "Who more than self, their country loved, and mercy more than life" was certainly appropriate as we reflect on the men and women who have served and are currently serving in our military forces. Dr. Long related one memorable story which he communicated was the story within a bigger story that occurred during World War I. The larger story involved sixteen B25 Mitchell medium bombers that on April 18, 1942 did something that most people did not believe they could do. Those planes took off from an airplane carrier on a top secret mission to bomb the Japanese home islands. This was one of the most dangerous missions of that time. We learned that thirteen of the 80 men on that mission were from Texas. The leader of the mission was Lt. Colonel James Doolittle who was one of the most famous aviators at that time. Their odds of

survival were estimated at 50/50. The mission was to take a bomber off the deck of a small carrier. Then they had to fly hundreds of miles at low altitudes, at some points a mere 20 ft. above the water. They had to evade the Japanese air defenses, bomb the homeland of the country that was vying with Germany to have the world's most powerful military, and knowing that they would be low on fuel, find a place to land in China when much of China was occupied by the Japanese. As Dr. Long communicated "nothing to it, right?" He went on to paint the picture of this difficult challenge. Fifteen of the sixteen planes made it to China. One plane due to low fuel, landed in the USSR. All but 3 of the 80 crew members survived the mission. That famous exploit became known as "the Doolittle Raid".

The smaller story from this "bigger story" was an emphasis on two planes on that raid and one individual in particular. He told the story of Corporal Jacob DeShazer. "Jake" DeShazer was the bombardier on plane #16, "the Bat out of Hell". At age 29 he was the oldest man on the plane. Dr. Long shared the story of the takeoff which was incredible in itself. Corporal DeShazer and his crew were taken captive by the Japanese and were Prisoners of War for 3 years in Tokyo. The Jacob DeShazer story is not only about the bravery of a soldier during war, but also about how powerful love and forgiveness can be when given to the enemy. As a Japanese prisoner of war Corporal DeShazer discovered Christ and eventually returned to Japan as a missionary.

This truly was an amazing story and humbling as we reflect on the life of Corporal DeShazer and so many others who have sacrificed for our freedom. More than 30 million copies of his pamphlet, "I was a Prisoner of Japan", translated in more than 20 languages, have been distributed around the world. In closing, Dr. Long stated, "As Memorial Day approaches this year, I think it is important for those of us who are the beneficiaries of their heroism and the heroism of countless others in the military, to express our gratitude." We should be thankful, not only on Memorial Day or Veteran's Day, but every day!

President Christine Curtis-Carr thanked Dr. Long 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 high school students.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Division 35 Prayer Breakfast



The annual Prayer Breakfast was held at Bobbie and Bernice Wolfe's on May 26th. A huge thanks to Bobbie and Bernice for hosting this wonderful event again this year and congratulations to Cynthia Laster for not only being selected as Layperson of the year for the Kiwanis Club of Abilene, but also Division 35 Layperson of the year!

Special Texas-Oklahoma District Convention Update

The convention was held on Saturday May 21st in Garland Texas. The House of Delegates at the Special Called Convention approved the nomination of Randy DeLay for International Vice President. Attendees heard from some wonderful speakers and the Kiwanis Club of Abilene was presented a certificate for being a Distinguished Club in 2014-2015 by Past Governor Collen Biggerstaff. Past Lt. Governor William Smith accepted the award. Those attending the convention were:

Christine Curtis-Carr
William A Smith
Nancy Miller
Amanda Wiskow
Gayla Gill
Faye Dodson

More Division 35 News

The next Division Council meeting will be held on Monday June 6th in Sweetwater. Details are:

BUCK'S STEAK & BAR-B-QUE,
103 SW Georgia Ave (Exit Texas 242 on south side of I-20)
Sweetwater, TX 79556
Phone: 325.603.4094



Tommy Dodson was a guest of Faye Dodson.

Come early if you would like to eat dinner (by 6:00pm). The meeting will begin promptly at 6:30pm. We have information to share from the Special T/O Convention held on 5/21/16 and our own Christine Curtis-Carr will present the program. We look forward to a really good turnout and would certainly love to see a good representation from the Kiwanis Club of Abilene as we show our support to Lt. Governor Melvin Martin and Club President Christine Curtis-Carr.

President Elect News

President Elect John Snapp announced his resignation effective July 1st, 2016. His wife, Karen works for a pharmaceutical company and is being transferred to Dallas. The good news is they will be closer to their children. The sad news is that John will not be able to serve as Club President for 2016-2017. We wish John and Karen the very best but will definitely miss them. Thank you John, for your leadership through Pancake Day this year!

Gumball Report

Earl Williams presented a check in the amount of \$353.40 for April 2016. This amount was collected from 240 machines. We currently have 976 machines in operation! The amount today brings the grand total to \$269,041.10! WOW!

Connecting Caring Communities Invitation

You are invited to an open house for the new Friendship House located at, 1518 Orange Street, Abilene TX 79601 on Friday June 3rd from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for 4:00. It would be great to see several Kiwanians present for this exciting event.

TX-OK Convention

Mark your Calendar and make plans to attend the Tx-Ok Kiwanis District Convention, August 12-14, 2016 in Allen, Texas. Registration is open and it is not too early to book a room. Register online at <http://conventions.txokkiwanis.org/>. It would be great to have a big group from Abilene attend. Not only will it be a wonderful way to connect with fellow Kiwanians but it will provide insight as we prepare to host the convention in 2017 and 2018. Let Christine Curtis-Carr or Faye Dodson know if you plan to attend and if you would be willing to serve as a delegate at the convention.

Another Country Eliminates Tetanus!



The World Health Organization conducted validation surveys in Indonesia, and the results show that the country has eliminated maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT). This means that all of WHO's South-East Asian region has eliminated this deadly disease—only the second such region to do so (after Europe).

Since 1999, UNICEF and its partners have eliminated the disease in 39 countries, including Cambodia, India and Mauritania in 2015. It's great progress—but MNT still threatens families in 20 countries. They need us to continue to fulfill pledges quickly and release the funds UNICEF needs to reach those nations.

So keep going, because when your goal is to change the world, every penny counts.

Thank you for your commitment and support. Together, let's celebrate an MNT-free Indonesia!

Calendar

- June 6, 2016 – Division 35 Council Meeting 6:30 pm, Buck's Steak and BBQ, 103 SW Georgia Avenue, Sweetwater
- June 7, 2016 Club Satellite meeting – Martinez Boys and Girls Club, 1301 Clinton St, Abilene TX 79601
- June 2, 2016 – Board Meeting, 12:00 Noon at Bogies Sandwich Shop, 241 Cypress St, Abilene, TX 79601
- June 25 – 28, 2016 Kiwanis International Convention – Toronto, Ontario, Canada (Christine Curtis-Carr and Brandon Carr will serve as our Delegates)
- August 11-14, 2016 Tx-Ok Kiwanis District Convention, Allen, TX



Haus and Cody Allen were guests of Chris Carnohan.



Don Christensen was a guest of Lora Lynn.

SPIRITUAL AIMS

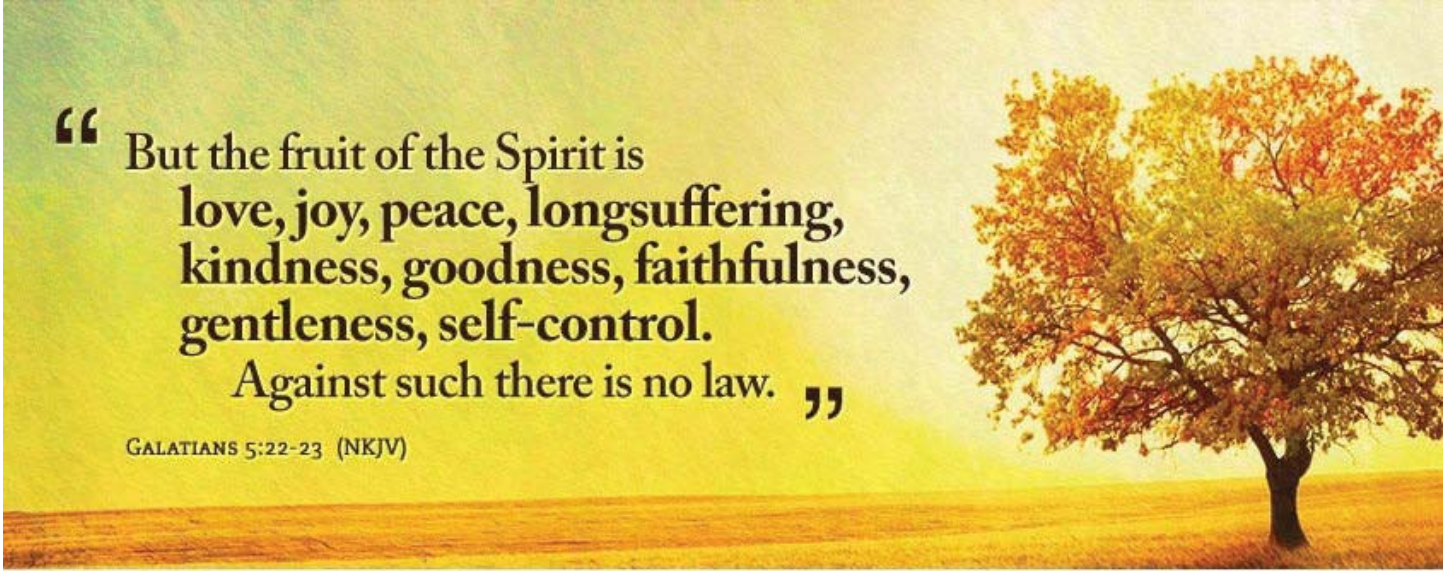
By Stephanie Hodges

Be Patient-Good Things Take Time!

Many times in our fast pace society we tend to want things to happen and we want them to happen quick. We grab coffee and breakfast on the go, we pay our bills with one click on our smart phones, we pre-order our groceries, we expedite our mail, and we can order a full course meal for dinner all while sitting on the couch. All of these conveniences so we don't have to wait.

Although all those things aid in making our life easier and convenient, our need for speed in our daily life can slowly creep into our spiritual life. When we read our 5 minute devotion, we pray and expect immediate answers, we sometimes want opportunities and blessings handed to us without having to walk the road of faith. Our impatient mindset leads us to believe speed is always right and delay is always wrong. However in times of delay, if we let God take the reigns we will soon see that it can be our most fulfilling season. It is in our waiting and anticipating that we grow and change.

God's timing may seem painfully slow to us, but God's timing is perfect. Good things don't happen in the blink of an eye, or even overnight they must be planted, watered, weeded and watched over. The wait is worth it in the end.



“ But the fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace, longsuffering,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control.
Against such there is no law. ”

GALATIANS 5:22-23 (NKJV)

To encourage others to pray for peace in Jerusalem, LIKE and SHARE this verse
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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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