

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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LANIE WESTMAN - ED OF ABILENE PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, June 8th



LANIE WESTMAN is a 1993 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University where she received her Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance and Music Education. Lanie taught Elementary Music with AISD 1993-2000. In January 2001, Lanie became the Executive Director of Abilene Performing Arts Company. Along with directing and teaching at APAC Lanie has directed music for Jr. musicals at the Paramount Theatre (under the direction of Betty Hukill) and continues to perform with the Abilene Opera Association, McMurry Summer Dinner Theatre, ACT, Pioneer Drive Baptist Church, Young Audiences of Abilene, and Paramount Productions. Lanie is married to Rob Westman and they have two sons, Josh (Sophomore at HSU) and Jess (Junior at AHS).



James Floyd led the opening prayer.



Laquiera Gantt led the singing.



Christine Curtis-Carr presided over the meeting.



Brian Hawkins presented the program.



Cindy Hothan was a guest of Amanda Wiskow.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting

June 1st, 2016

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting	Christine Curtis-Carr
Prayer	James Floyd
Music.....	LaQuiera Gantt
Piano	Tim Adcock
Pledge.....	Royce Manning
Guests.....	Roy Dent
Cup Money	\$44.00
Brag Money	\$13.00 (Kyle Wiskow)

In our prayers

Remember Chance Kilpatrick and family. Chance's dad, Billy Kilpatrick died in an automobile accident on May 28th. Chance's mom, Gaila, was seriously injured in that same accident. Funeral services for Billy were held on June 4th.

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 Jay Moore.....	Russell Berry
		Jamie Breed
		Amanda Wiskow

George Woodfin and Roma Howard from the Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene

Program

Russell Berry introduced Brian Hawkins as the speaker on June 1st. Brian has been helping produce, write, film and edit the Texas Country Reporter show for nearly 30 years. He shared two important lists: "The 10 Things Every Texan Needs to See" and The 10 Best Places to Eat in Texas". The Texas Country Reporter show has been on the air since 1972. It is the longest running, regionally syndicated television program in broadcast history. Brian joined the show in 1988. He shared there are places they have been that they always wanted to share with people. He described the places to see should be labeled places to experience. We have listed those highlights for those who did not get a complete list made during his presentation. Brian communicated this list was not in any specific order.

TEN BEST PLACES TO GO IN TEXAS

1. Bankhead Highway – in Sierra Blanca – It

outshines Route 66

2. Sandhill Cranes – Muleshoe Wildlife Refuge – At sun down or sun up from November to January the Sandhill Cranes are unbelievable to see 50,000 of them at one time. To see them from the observation deck is incredible.

3. McDonald Trading Post – Plainview – Huge collections of new and used hardware, train parts – 13 acres piled with machinery parts. Not a destination but you will never forget it.

4. Klements Orange Grove – Palm Hurst – is the last Mom and Pop Orange Grove. You can walk thru and pick your own orange. It is right outside McAllen.

5. Chianti Hot Springs – near Marfa – Shows up in Texas Monthly all the time. There are cabins and this a great place to stop and relax

6. Big Bend Ranch State Park – near Presidio – in Brian's opinion is better than Big Bend National Park. It's a wonderful experience. It is 45 minutes behind a locked gate and the cost is \$35.00 per night! You must call ahead for reservations but you won't find crowds of people there – even on July 4th!

7. Matagorda Bay Cattle Swim – For 130 years in the fall, ranchers swim 100's of cattle across the Colorado River out to the island to graze all winter and in the spring they swim them back.

8. Balmorhea Cottonwoods – brilliant cottonwood trees turning in October. It is magnificent! Cabins are available at Balmorhea State Park at Toyahvale, Texas

9. Captain Carl's Floating Cabins – near Corpus Christi at Baffin Bay. The cabins float out in the water. The captain takes you from Corpus by bass boat at full throttle for an hour or more, drops you off at your selected cabin drops your gear, gets the generator going and takes off. It is unnerving and incredible! There is simply nothing like it!

10. Easter Mass at Prayer Town – near Amarillo. It is the most remote compound in the middle of nowhere. Twenty Six nuns live there and they sing beautifully! The Christmas Mass is unbelievable but The Easter Mass is what they are proudest of. The place is close to Cal Farley's.

TEN BEST PLACES TO EAT

1. H&H Car Wash and Coffee Shop – El Paso The place is legendary for their Mexican Food. You can watch cars being washed while you eat

2. Lela's Café – Miranda City near Laredo – To Brian's knowledge, the only café that has a historical marker. It has been there forever

3. The Grey Moss Inn – between San Antonio and Bandera. A great place for couples out in the middle of nowhere.

4. Jose Falcon's at Boquillas – near the Rio Border

- This is a destination and an experience-it's actually in Mexico

5. Kings Inn – Riviera – near Corpus – another destination. It is at the end of a long road. It's a great place for seafood

6. El Capitan – Van Horn - It's a don't miss type deal

7. Neal's Diner – Concan – on the Frio River - This is a place that has been open since the 1920's. The fried chicken is amazing. It's a fantastic place, north of Uvalde and south of Leakey

8. Guthrie High School Football Concession Stand – Guthrie has no restaurants. Brian described it as "It's like basic concession stand food times 50!" It's only open during football season on Friday nights. High School

9. Laurel Tree – Utopia - It is very fancy, very expensive, 5 course gourmet dining, expensive and fantastic.

10. Dixie Dog – Spur – one of the last of the last! The high school seniors in Spur have carved their names on the counter. Brian highly recommends going there!

President Christine Curtis-Carr thanked Brian 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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER

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

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.

Tx-Ok Kiwanis District 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. Note 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.

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 25 – 28, 2016 Kiwanis International Convention – Toronto, Ontario, Canada (Christine Curtis-Carr and Brandon Carr will serve as our Delegates)
- No Board Meeting in July
- August 11-14, 2016 Tx-Ok Kiwanis District Convention, Allen, TX

KIWANIAN: Brandon Carr

Can you guess the lie? Come to the meeting on June 8th to find out the answer.

1. Grew up in Dallas.
2. Lived in England
3. Played drums in a band.

Perfect Attendance: May 2016

Tim Adcock
Russell Berry
Curtis Blackburn
Jamie Breed
Brandon Carr
Lora Lynn Christensen
Roy Cloud
Christine Curtis-Carr
Faye Dodson
LaQuiera Gantt
Keith Garner
Gayla Gill
William Hoogstra
Mark Hoover
Larry Kentz
Richard Kincaid
Donna King

Charles Kirkpatrick
Ashley Larry
Cynthia Laster
Dennis Laster
Carl Lockett
Guy Lucas
Mary Ann Martin
Melvin Martin
Donald McDonald
Nancy Miller
Gary Poynor
Kenneth Poynor
Randy Roewe
Donald Scargall
Becky Spargo
Amanda Wiskow
Angela Walker

SPIRITUAL AIMS

By LaZuiera Gantt

Every month our church studies a value of Jesus. This month, we are focusing on the excellence of faith that Jesus had to see, say, believe, sow and reap things into existence. When I was younger, it was nothing for me to truly dream and talk about my hearts desires, but as I got older, this was not the case. I would plant things that I wanted for my life and then would dig those things right back up because of fear and doubt. Jesus is a perfect example of how we are to not only plant our hearts desires, but literally water them by faith. So the next time you find yourself doubting God's will for your life, instead of digging up that blessing, WATER it by your words, your thoughts and your belief if God's plan for you. The fruit of your faith will be something extraordinary!



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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