

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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PANCAKE DAY WRAP UP!

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, June 22nd



This Wednesday is the day we come together to recognize all of those who had a part in Pancake Day 2016, our Club's 68th year to hold this fundraising event. Each year since its inception in 1940, proceeds from this event have benefitted the children and others in our community. You don't want to miss this celebration!



KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting

June 15th, 2016

Abilene Country Club

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| Led Meeting | Christine Curtis-Carr |
| Prayer | Randy Williams |
| Music..... | LaQuiera Gantt |
| Piano | Tim Adcock |
| Pledge..... | Julie Wagner |
| Cup Money | \$35.06 |
| Brag Money | \$7.00(Gayla Gill) |

In our prayers

Remember Rodney Weeks as he recuperates from back surgery

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

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| Guest..... | Member |
| Greg Fortson | Faye Dodson |
| Liz Curtis | Christine Curtis-Carr |
| Victoria Garza..... | Christine Curtis-Carr |
| Mickey Hayes | Guy Lucas |
| Gail Jay from the Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene | |

Program

Lora Lynn Christensen introduced Joe Humphrey, Director of Construction for AISD, as the speaker on June 15th. Joe communicated he has served as the construction coordinator for the school district since 2004. He has been through 2 bond issues totaling over \$150 million worth of construction and renovations. The latest one was the \$87 million plus bond issue which was passed 3 years ago. Today the district is about 75% to 80% complete. Two new elementary schools will be completed this summer in addition to 1/2 of another school. A \$7 Million dollar job of redoing Long Elementary which will become Long Early Learning Center will begin soon. One of the big jobs is on North 17th. The new Johnston Elementary is almost finished. Joe communicated that Jack Harkins was instrumental in this particular project. It is very distinctive and different from any other school in the district.

The new Bonham Elementary school near Pioneer Drive Baptist Church is almost complete. It can handle 650 to 700 students. Last summer Bowie Elementary School, located on So. 20th, was completed. Bowie

and Bonham have the same design as Martinez Elementary which is already 5 years old.

Renovations are occurring all over the district including the auditorium at Abilene High School and Cooper High School. Security cameras are on every campus. Parking lots are being redone to include resurfacing and lighting. Floors are being remodeled and restrooms are being made ADA compliant. Lee Elementary and Jackson Elementary are twins but that will no longer be true. The look of Lee is changing considerably.

President Christine Curtis-Carr thanked Joe for the informative 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

Gumball Report

Earl Williams presented a check for the month of May in the amount of \$303.48 bringing the total to \$269,344.58!

Let's Go To The MOVIES

Join fellow Kiwanians and their guests at the Paramount on Friday July 8th. Movie night will be award winning Ms. Miniver! Doors open at 6:00 and the Kiwanis Club of Abilene will hold a brief meeting at 6:15- yes we will ring the bell and this will count as an official club meeting. Robert Holladay will give a pre-film lecture on Ms. Miniver at 6:30 and the movie begins at 7:30. You are responsible for purchasing your own admission ticket. Come (wear Kiwanis gear), bring a guest, and enjoy fun, fellowship and the movie! We look forward to seeing lots of you there! RSVP to Gayla Gill at gaylalgill@yahoo.com or 325-280-5474 so we can reserve enough seats for everyone.

Mark your calendar for July 27th

Kiwanis Club of Abilene Open House! David Jones communicated the new member campaign is scheduled for July 1st through July 27th. For any new member brought in during the campaign dates, the new member induction fee of \$35.00 will be waived. July 27th will be Kiwanis Club of Abilene Open House. For any club member who brings a potential member on the 27th, the club will pay the cost of that guest

meal. (One guest meal per club member). This will be an exciting member and will include New Member Orientation.

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. The board voted to contribute up to \$350.00 for each club member who attends the convention to help cover the cost of the convention. 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. Information packets were made available at the June 8th meeting. Let Christine Curtis-Carr, Tim Adcock or Faye Dodson know if you plan to attend.

Calendar

- June 25 – 28, 2016 Kiwanis International Convention – Toronto, Ontario, Canada

(Christine Curtis-Carr and Brandon Carr will serve as our Delegates)

- Board Meeting, Division Council and Club Satellite meetings are cancelled for July. Instead – Let's go to the MOVIES on July 8th
- July 8th – Movie Night - Paramount Theater
- July 27th – Kiwanis Club of Abilene Special Program – Everything Kiwanis – Abilene Country Club – regular meeting time – Come, Bring Guest! This will also be New Member Orientation.
- August 1– Division 35 Council Meeting 6:30 pm, Al's Mesquite Grill
- August 11-14, 2016 Tx-Ok Kiwanis District Convention, Allen, TX

KIWANIAN: Dennis Laster

Can you guess the lie? Come to the meeting on June 22nd to find out the answer.

1. Daughter lives in Australia.
2. Graduated Cum Laude McMurry University.
3. Raise Cattle in Cisco.

SPIRITUAL AIMS

By LaZuiera Gantt

For many of us, yesterday was a time of reflection, joy, and thankfulness, as we celebrated the special men in our lives on Father's Day. Maybe on yesterday, you sent your dad a card, or called your grandfather, shot a text to your male mentor, or visited the cemetery to pay respect to your father. What a blessing to be able to honor father's on yesterday! However, I know that for some, yesterday was a challenging day. Not all are able to say that they had a father figure in their lives. I'm thankful though that no matter the circumstances, we all have a Heavenly Father who is King of Kings, Prince of Peace and Lord of Lords. We serve a mighty God who can stand in the gap, when our earthly father isn't able to. We have a loving God who hears our sorrows, our worries and our doubts. We are sons and daughters of a mighty, loving God. And it is for that reason that we're able to celebrate Father's Day, every day! May we all continue to honor our heavenly Father on a daily basis for he is the source of our strength, the redeemer of our soul and the reason for our being.

Be blessed!



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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