

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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ROB WESTMAN, PRODUCER OF GEORGE WASHINGTON: PROVIDENCE
Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, July 6th



Rob Westman, television producer for AISD has produced the documentary film, "George Washington: Providence," a patriotic and informative look at the life of George Washington. It details America's foundational history through original letters, diaries, and public proclamations. The film takes us to Washington's birthplace, as well as many significant locations in his life, including Fredericksburg, Mount Vernon, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and Valley Forge. The film, mastered in HD, is showing through July 7th at the Paramount Theater. At this week's meeting, Rob will explain how this project began and talk about the journey of writing a children's book and a film about George Washington.

After Rob's presentation today, you will, no doubt, want to see the production at the Paramount. Rob is married to Lanie Westman, Executive Director of the Abilene Performing Arts Company. Rob and Lanie have two sons, Josh, a student at Hardin-Simmons University and Jess, a student at Abilene High School.



Kiwanis International Convention 2016 in Toronto!

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting

June 29th, 2016

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting	Christine Curtis-Carr
Prayer	Carl Lockett
Music.....	Randy Williams
Piano	Lora Lynn Christensen
Pledge.....	Al Morotini
Guests.....	Russell Berry
Cup Money	\$43.79
Brag Money	\$13.00 (Joe Kimble)

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

Guest.....	Member
Tommy Dodson.....	Faye Dodson
Cheri Drysdale	Faye Dodson
Mickey Hayes	Guy Lucas
Yelithza Morales(Kiwanis Club of Hereford)	Randy Roewe

Program

Randy Williams introduced Col. Brian Yates who spoke about the role of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee on June 29th. Col. Yates communicated there were two main functions of the Military Affairs; Outreach and Support. While they are connect, they are fairly distinct efforts. He spoke about why the committee is important. The military is part of the fabric of our community. Having lived all over the world, Col. Yates shared, the support from Abilene is better than any place he has ever been. He stated, Abilene is the BEST. He communicated 2/3rds of those military living in Abilene live off base. They own homes, go to schools in the community and are involved in the community.

This base exists because Abilene went out to get it back during World War II. In 1953, Abilene convinced the Department of Defense to build a new base (Dyess) and in 1958, Paul Harvey wrote an article talking about Abilene's support of the military.

We learned that the impact to the economy is certainly significant bringing in 3.65 Billion state wide per year. Locally, this base brings in over a million dollars in economic activity per day. It matters!

To be a part of the committee, requires being a member of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce. Today there are approximately 310 members on the Military Affairs Committee. Ways of support:

- World's largest BBQ - feeding 4,000 to 5,000 a free meal which includes all the "fixings"
- Quarterly Lunches – speakers from across the country are brought in to speak to the committee
- Civic Leader Trips – Once or twice per year - 30 to 40 people travel to other bases to observe what is going on.
- December of each year, a group travels to Washington DC to meet with our elected officials.

Col. Yates communicated members of the committee attend a variety of conferences to insure that we are known throughout the country which includes traveling to Austin to talk to state representatives.

He said that Abilene is really good at community support. An award, now carrying the name Abilene Trophy is presented to a community for their support of the military in their area. Abilene won the award so many times that we are disqualified from receiving it. Instead, Abilene presents the Abilene Trophy to other deserving communities.

Col. Yates shared about a new program for airmen, Home Away from Home. This program will pair up single airmen, 18 to 21, living in a dorm, 1st time away from home-much like a college student, with an Abilene family. It gives them a chance to connect or someone to call. The program is very successful in other communities and relationships continue even when the airmen move on.

He closed by recognizing Cher Drysdale, who does a great job taking care of the details.

President Christine Curtis-Carr thanked Col. Yates for the insightful program and communicated we would make a donation to our foundation which provides 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

LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES

Join fellow Kiwanians and their guests at the Paramount this coming 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. AND 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.

Volunteers Needed

The State 4-H Horse Show is just around the corner, July 24th through July 30th and volunteers are needed. Call 325-672-6048 or visit <http://taylor.agrilife.org> for more details and to volunteer.

TEXAS – OKLAHOMA DISTRICT NEWS

Important Message regarding Youth Protection:

The following has been approved and will go into effect on October 1, 2016.

“NEW! TRANSPORTATION RELEASE

The revised transportation guideline recommends that the adult has written documentation from a parent or legal guardian when transporting a youth (along with practicing the “rule of 3”). Kiwanis International has developed a template for Kiwanis members to use when transporting youth.” If you have any questions, please call contact me.

Living to Serve Others,

Dennis Hogan

District Chairman, Youth Protection

Texas-Oklahoma District

Training

Tx-Ok Division 12, 22 and 35 Club Leadership Training! New Officers and Board (And anyone else interesting in learning more about Kiwanis is encouraged to attend I-Lead! Mark your calendars for Club Leadership Training “I-Lead to be held on July 30th at Southgate Church of Christ, 528 Country Club Road, San Angelo, Tx. This will be a full day of

preparation for Division and Club Leadership.

Tx-Ok Kiwanis District Convention

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.

Nominating Committee 2016

Jamie Breed, Chair; Mark Hoover, Randy Williams, Charles Kirkpatrick, Lora Lynn, Faye Dodson

The committee recommends the following board members and officers for 2016-2017. The club will vote on the nominations on Wednesday July 6th.

(Board members Amanda Wiskow, Joe Kimble, and Julie Wagner will complete their second year on the board)

Board (2 year)

Al Morotini

Gary Poynor

Randy Roewe

Larry Kentz

President-Elect

Dennis Laster

Board (1 year)

Carl Lockett

Vice President

Robert Pritz

Gayla Gill

President 2016-2017

Nancy Miller

Calendar

- 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 12-14, 2016 Tx-Ok Kiwanis District Convention, Allen, TX

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: JUNE 2016

Tim Adcock
David Bacon
Russell Berry
Curtis Blackburn
Blue Bodenhamer
Jamie Breed
Zach Briley
Price Brock
Brandon Carr
Lora Lynn Christensen
Christine Curtis-Carr
James Floyd
Greg Fortson
LaQuiera Gantt
Keith Garner
Gayla Gill
Jack Harkins
John Hewitt
William Hoogstra
Mark Hoover
David Jones
Richard Kincaid
Charles Kirkpatrick
Ashley Larry
Cynthia Laster

Dennis Laster
Carl Lockett
Guy Lucas
Royce Manning
Amanda Martin
Mary Ann Martin
Melvin Martin
Donald McDonald
Nancy Miller
Al Morotini
Monroe Nevels
Clinton Nix
Don Paige
Gary Poynor
Kenneth Poynor
Randy Roewe
Donald Scargall
John Snapp
Becky Spargo
Rodney Weeks
Earl Williams
Amanda Wiskow
Kyle Wiskow
Bobbie Lee Wolfe
Mark Young



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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Kiwaniis 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

Two Year:	One Year:
Amanda Wiskow	Roy Dent
Gayla Gill	Charles Ellis
Joe Kimble	Clinton Nix
Julie Wagner	Becky Spargo



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