

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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BRITTANY A. WADE: CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES, COMMUNITY PARTNERS COORDINATOR
ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3RD



Brittany serves as Community Partners Coordinator for CPS Abilene, overseeing Taylor County. She is responsible for relaying the voice of caseworkers and child advocates to the community to further child welfare awareness. She works closely with the Taylor County Child Welfare Board to advise on fundraising, recruit volunteers and plan programming such as Miracle on Vine Street (a holiday toy drive benefiting CPS children) and their current mission to redo the Visitation Rooms at CPS, which have not been updated in over 20 years. Kiwanis of Abilene has been a proud sponsor of the Board in the past. Brittany is originally from Pasadena, CA but grew up in Louisville, KY and has been moving around ever since as her husband is active duty Air Force on Dyess AFB. Her background is in nonprofit management and development for organizations such as Operation Homefront, American Cancer Society and the International Rescue Committee. In her spare time, she likes to horseback ride, write for the Abilene Writer's Guild and serve on the board for Junior League and her Christian women's group, Outlet. A fun fact is that she has been to almost all 50 states (except for Alaska and Hawaii) and has traveled to Serbia and Italy. She has two dogs and her first baby (a girl) on the way, due the end of this year! She expresses her enthusiasm for meeting the Kiwanis Club Members!



President Christine Curtis-Carr shared her passion for Kiwanis.



David Jones shared what it means to be a part of an organization with a long-standing tradition of human and spiritual values.



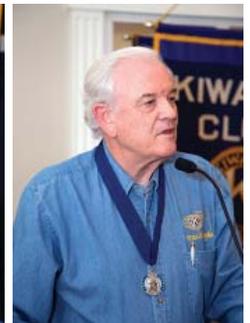
Lt. Governor Melvin Martin has been a member for 37 years. He talked about the upcoming 100th anniversary of the Kiwanis TX-OK District.



President-Elect Nancy Miller was our first female member. She has served as club president and TX-OK Governor two times.



Amanda Wiskow has been a member for four years and is the sponsor of our Key Club.



Russell Berry has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene for 44 years and has served as president two times.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting

August 3rd, 2016

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting	Christine Curtis-Carr
Prayer	Russell Berry
Music.....	Randy Williams
Piano	Jamie Breed
Pledge.....	James Floyd
Guests	Will Smith
Cup Money	\$15.70
Brag	\$9.00 (Chris Carnohan)

In our prayers

Remember Carl Lockett, Carl DID NOT have to have a pacemaker put in; however, while he was in the hospital, his wife, Pat fell while getting out of bed and broke her OTHER ankle! She is in the hospital now and he is there for her.

Remember Keith Garner, Monroe Nevels, Kimberley Cole's mother, Donna King, and James Shields' wife. Rodney Weeks requested prayer for Sherri's sister who is seriously. Also remember Gordon Dowell and wife Dorothy, Others: Joan, wife of George Knight and Annette Collins, Jeff Goodin, and Kirby Leeson

Remember to pray for upcoming elections. Pray for our nation and those leading our country.

Guests

Guest.....	Member
David Swearingen	Jamie Breed
Thomas Cunningham	Robert Pritz
Hollie White	Allison Cariker
Gail Gregory	David Young
Ronny Mason	Donna King
Tavarus Mitchell	Ashley Larry
Sparkle Mitchell	Laquiera Gantt
Dusty West	Christine Curtis-Carr
Steven Leggett	Greater Abilene

Program

All Things Kiwanis! David Jones facilitated the program on August 27th.

We heard from Russell Berry, who joined Kiwanis in 1972. Russell, in addition to serving on many committees over the years, served as Club President twice. He shared that Kiwanis is group of people who have a heart for others and folks with like minds who have meeting the needs of children and others in mind. In his 44 years as a member, we have averaged giving away at least \$25,000.00 per year, that equates to well over one million dollars from the Kiwanis

Club of Abilene. He shared with the group several key projects the club has participated in over the years and communicated that we have helped make Abilene what it is today.

President Christine Curtis-Carr, a Kiwanian since 2009, shared her passion for Kiwanis communicating that Kiwanis is an International service organization made up of hundreds of thousands of individuals with a mission to serve the children of the world. Kiwanis provided the opportunity to participate in countless service projects and networking with members who have invested in her. Kiwanis is a true fellowship with other positive and pro-active people who are not afraid to roll up their sleeves and make a real difference. Each year while we look out for our local community, Kiwanis Clubs around the world sponsor nearly 150,000 service projects. We raise more than \$100million US dollars and devote more than 18.5 million hours to service annually. Kiwanis clubs are found in more than 80 nations. We were established in 1915, yet while we are more than 100 years old, we are still kids at heart. We are creative, we are passionate about making a difference and we do have a lot of fun. Our vision as Kiwanians is to be a positive influence for children world-wide.

David Jones, Membership Chair shared what it means to be a Kiwanian. Being a Kiwanian means you are a part of an organization that has a strong tradition of addressing human and spiritual values. We stand for strong morals and strong spiritual values. The Kiwanis club is a snapshot of the community made up of members from all walks of life. We are unified in our beliefs and the children of the community benefit from our involvement.

President-Elect Nancy Miller joined Kiwanis in 1987 and holds the distinct honor of being the 1st female member. Nancy shared her passion for Kiwanis and how she became a member. She stated when she joined, she joined for a lifetime. Nancy has served in many roles over the years, including Governor of the Tx-Ok District twice. She shared a story from several years ago about an individual who was impacted by Kiwanis when he was a little boy. Sometimes we may never know the difference we make for others but we can change lives and make a difference.

Amanda Wiskow, sponsor for our Key Club, joined Kiwanis 4 years ago. She joined Club Satellite and attended meeting regularly. A year later, Christine Curtis-Carr encouraged Amanda to work on starting a Key Club in the area high schools. In April 2015, she took 4 Key Club members to the Tx-Ok District Key Club Convention. It was amazing to see the passion of those kids. Later that summer, she attended the Kiwanis District convention and became more involved in the local club. She shared that Kiwanis

is so much more than the people in the room or the people in the Tx-Ok District. It is world-wide and we are making an international difference for kids. The friendships and networking are just a small benefit. She closed by stating, "I'm here for life!"

Lt. Governor Melvin Martin, a 37 year member, shared the rich history of Kiwanis and communicated the Tx-Ok District of Kiwanis will celebrate our 100th anniversary in August, 2018 in Abilene, Texas!

David Jones communicated the different types of membership and Club Secretary, Faye Dodson provided information on how to join Kiwanis including the dues structure.

Most exciting of all, two new members were inducted. Help us welcome Mickey Hayes, sponsored by Guy Lucas and Allison Cariker, sponsored by Kelly Jones to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene.

Mickey is an accountant and former member of the Kiwanis Club of Sweetwater. Allison works at New Horizons and serves as a Red Coat for the Abilene Chamber of Commerce. She is excited to become involved in Kiwanis.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

4-H Horse Show

Thank You Kiwanians who stepped up to help with the 4-H Horse Show this past week!

CLUB SATELLITE

CLUB SATELLITE will not meet on August 2nd for their regular meeting. Instead they have a service project planned. Contact Gayla Gill at (325) 280-5474



Allison Cariker was inducted as a new member. Allison works at New Horizons and serves as a Red Coat for the Abilene Chamber of Commerce.

or gaylalgill@yahoo.com for details.

Division Council Meeting

This Monday, August 1st, Al's Mesquite Grill, 4801 Buffalo Gap Road at 6:00pm. This will be a very important meeting and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Calendar

- August 1– Division 35 Council Meeting 6:30 pm, Al's Mesquite Grill, 4801 Buffalo Gap Road - Important Meeting -
- August Club Satellite Meeting cancelled – call Gayla Gill to learn about a service project opportunity
- August 4 – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon, Bogie's Sandwich Shop, 241 Cypress St, Abilene
- August 12-14, 2016 Tx-Ok Kiwanis District Convention, Allen, TX

KIWANIAN: Keith Garner

Can you guess the lie? Come to the meeting on August 3rd to find out the answer.

1. I graduated from Texas A&M.
2. I've been married nearly 54 years.
3. I have 2 children by my first wife.



Mickey Hayes is a new member of our club. Mickey is an accountant and was formerly a member of the Sweetwater Kiwanis Club.

SPIRITUAL AIMS

By Randy Williams

This week I'm going to share something I heard at church a couple weeks ago because, though I knew the message, I don't always live the message. Proverbs 30:18-19 says, "There are 3 things that are too amazing for me, 4 that I do not understand: the way of an eagle in the sky, the way of a snake on a rock, the way of a ship on the high seas, and the way of a man with a young woman." In order for an eagle to soar for long periods of time it must look for the thermal air that moves upward. It is there that the eagle can stop flying and just soar. Likewise, we must move ourselves into that rarified air called the "Presence of God" in order to soar in our spirits. The cold blooded snake crawls up on a rock to drink the life giving warmth of the sun much in the same way that we must draw close to the Lord for the warmth of His love and relationship. The ship on the high seas must catch the wind in its sails if it hopes to move forward through the waters much like we are dependent on the Spirit of the Lord to guide and propel us along this life's journey. In the New Testament the words for "Holy Spirit" mean "Wind". The way of a man with a young woman speaks of the passion of falling in love, building a home, and totally surrendering all, in the same way that we must pursue and surrender "all" to our Lord Jesus Christ. John 15:4 & 5 says, "Abide in me and I in you, as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches; He who abides in me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." You really want to "Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time"? You must live a life that is fully committed to our Heavenly Father. You don't have to change the whole world, just your little world around you.



ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus



Model Club Goal: \$71,250
 Percent of Goal Met: 64%
 Contributions: \$45,639.00
 Zeller Fellows: 23
 Pledged Zellers: 5
 Model Club Members: 2
 Number of lives saved: 25,355 @ \$1.80 per shot series

Eliminate News!

Texas-Oklahoma - US\$2,687,318

T-O Goal \$5,000,000
 Percent Paid..... 53.75%

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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.

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