

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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A GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE: NEW SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY UPDATE ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10TH



City Librarian Lori Grumet visited us eighteen months ago to share her perspective of current programming and services offered by the Abilene Public Library and to offer her vision for future library services in our community, something that Abilene as a whole would need to embrace to make a reality.

Today, Lori will update us on an exciting project that is happening as we meet: the new South Branch of the Abilene Public Library being located in the Mall of Abilene. Lori will share facts, figures, photos, and stories of its creation, including the funding partnership with the Friends of the Library.

Before coming to Abilene, Lori was employed by the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico as a Librarian, Department Director and Senior Programs Administrator. She has over 20 years of government service serving communities and organizations.



Brooke Crum of the AR-N was a guest this week.



Laryn Howard was a guest of the club.



Erin Seabourne was a guest of the club.



Candy Reagan presented Christine with a Certificate of Appreciation.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
Weekly Meeting
August 3rd, 2016
Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting Christine Curtis-Carr
 Prayer Tim Adcock
 Music Bobbie Wolfe
 Piano Cynthia Laster
 Pledge Roy Cloud
 Guests Curtis Blackburn
 Cup Money \$39.18
 Bag \$1.00 (Tammi Ellison)

In our prayers

Jarrell Young emailed the following:
 Hello Friends and Family,

This is to let you know that I am now home from the hospital....In the event you were unaware, I was diagnosed with two malignant masses in my abdomen that resulted in surgery. The surgeon performed a bowel resection to remove the masses... He was unable to remove all the malignancy, so, I have chemotherapy or radiation in my future. I was in the hospital from July 12 until August 1, 2016.

Even though I am home, I am physically weak, but gaining strength daily...I lost 30 pounds of weight, so am working on gaining weight.

I am thankful for all the concern and prayers lifted up on my behalf....Believe me, prayer helps. Jarrell"

Remember Carl and Pat Lockett. 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
 Callie Howard Club Guest
 Laryn Howard Club Guest
 Erin Seabourne Club Guest

Program

Jamie Breed introduced Candy Reagan and Brittany Wade as the speakers on August 3rd. Candy serves in a volunteer position as the Chairman for the Taylor County Child Welfare Board. The organization is committed to aid abused and neglected children of Taylor County. Candy shared how she came to



Brittany Wade presented the program.

Abilene and the decision to stay because Abilene is where she wanted to raise her children. She expressed appreciation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene for our recent donation to Community Partners to help remodel the Blue Bonnet room and presented the club with a certificate of appreciation. She stated that the removal of children from homes has doubled over last year! As a result, assistance and volunteers are needed more than ever. She shared that CPS caseworker loads are through the roof. Generally, the state likes to have 15 to 20 children per case worker, however the average for Taylor County is 35 children. The welfare board is all volunteer and appointed by the Taylor County Commissioners. The board is a grass roots local effort to help kids. The primary goal is to help those children who are removed from their home often during the middle of the night. Often the children have nothing. The board provides the essentials until the children can be placed making every effort to keep the children out of the Foster Care System. She went on to communicate the many ways the welfare board reaches out to assist.

Brittany who serves as Community Partners coordinator and communicated that Community Partners is a voice for case workers and children. She shared several challenges case workers deal with today. We learned there are many ways to become involved. She named a few, such as serving on the Child Welfare Board, Miracle on Vine Street (a holiday toy drive benefiting CPS children) or helping with the Visitation Room.

CPS is located just across the street from the Abilene Country Club and has not been remodeled

for over 20 years. The visitation room is a child friendly room described as a place to heal and reconnect with parents learn to be parents. September 9th and 10th are big days for CPS. Those days have been set aside to paint and redecorate the Blue Bonnet room. This year more than 600 children have been helped through that room!

She expressed appreciation for Club Satellite member, Stephanie Hodges. Stephanie works for Harmony Family Services and serves on the Community Partners committee of the Child Welfare Board and now she is stepping up to be a welfare board member.

Foster and Big Country kids is a movement in Abilene. More foster homes are needed. Information meetings are held monthly. Contact Brittany for more information or to get involved.

President Christine Curtis-Carr thanked Candy and Brittany for the insightful program and communicated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in their honor which provides scholarships to high school seniors.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blood Drive

Meek Blood Center Blood Drive August/September: During the months of August and September the blood bank will donate .50cents for each donor who donates blood to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Abilene. This is a great opportunity for all of us to make a difference for others. If you can participate, let them know you are with the Kiwanis Club of Abilene.

Sophomore of the Year Presentation

Margaret Hoogstra introduced Callie Howard as the Sophomore of the Year for the Kiwanis Club of Abilene. Callie attends Cooper High School and lives at Hendrick Home. She served as Chaplin of the Cooper Choir, Student Trainer with Cooper Sports Medicine, participated in the drama club and is a pianist. She served as a student worker and volunteers in the community. A comment from Callie's application: "...volunteering can expand your horizons to not only taking but to giving. When you serve others you are creating happiness and hope. Service spreads hope, volunteering spreads hope and love for others in your community spreads hope." Margaret presented Callie



Callie Howard, Sophomore of the Year

with a certificate and \$100.00. Congratulations Callie!

New Members Inducted

Yelithza Morales sponsored by Randy Roewe is a former member of the Kiwanis Club of Hereford where she was known as the Pancake Queen! Yelithza works at First Financial Bank and comes to us as a Club Satellite member.



Yelithza Morales was inducted as a new member. Randy Roewe is her sponsor.

Cheri Drysdale, sponsored by Faye Dodson is the Director of Committee Management for the Abilene Chamber of Commerce. She is retired from the USAF with 26 years of service. She grew up in Ohio and considers herself a transplanted Texan. She is married to Tate and has four grown children.

Angela Walker, sponsored by Amanda Wiskow was introduced by Christine Curtis-Carr. Angela is an Algebra I teacher at Abilene High School. She is originally from Frisco, Texas and a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University. Angela was a Key Clubber during



Angela Wagner, an Abilene High math teacher, was inducted as a new member.

high school and now serves as the faculty advisor for our own Key Club!



New member Cheri Drysdale works at the Abilene Chamber of Commerce.

Welcome Yelithza, Cheri and Angela! We are so glad you are here!

Club Satellite Project

Members are collecting school supplies during the month of August and September. Items are donated to the Martinez Boys and Girls Club. All members are encouraged to participate. Bring your items to the regular club meeting. Contact Gayla Gill or any Club Satellite member for suggested items. School Supplies or money to purchase supplies are greatly appreciated. The service project for Club Satellite Members is a partnership with Community in Schools. Those Club Satellite members are meeting students at J.C. Penny's to help them shop for school clothing.

I-Lead Training

I-Lead Training was held in San Angelo for Kiwanis

Leaders on Saturday July 30th. Those attending were Christine Curtis-Carr, Gayla Gill, Nancy Miller, Al Morotini, Jamie Breed and Faye Dodson. This was a terrific workshop to help Kiwanians learn more about leadership roles within the organization.

Tx-Ok Kiwanis District Convention

August 12-14, 2016 in Allen, Texas. Registration is still open. Register online at <http://conventions.txokkiwanis.org/>. Approximately 17 members have registered to attend. If you have not already done so, please let Christine Curtis-Carr, Tim Adcock or Faye Dodson know if you plan to 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.

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: Gary Poynor

Can you guess the lie? Come to the meeting on August 10th to find out the answer.

1. I have been in every state in the USA.
2. I have married 21 women in my lifetime.
3. My favorite team is the Dallas Cowboys



SPIRITUAL AIMS

By Randy Williams

Last week I began the article with “though I knew the message, I don’t always live the message.” Suddenly I realized late Sunday morning that I had forgotten to submit the Spiritual Aims article to Brandon Carr earlier in the week. I quickly fired off a text to he and Faye letting them know I would get it written Sunday afternoon and send it to them. And it was then that God reminded me of my words: “though I knew the message, I don’t always live the message.” Last week was about pursuing relationship with the Father - Sitting and soaking in the revelation of His Spirit in whatever form that might come to me. I have told you that God is always talking to us but we just don’t listen. I had gotten so busy with county budget and the 25th Year Reunion of the Classical Chorus that I had simply not “lived the message” of last week. I know that if I had followed the message, God would have reminded me that He had an opportunity to speak through me in the Kiwanigram. Like you, God often has to repeat His messages to me over and over again. Some messages He has been giving me all my life. But make no mistake, we have an enemy that wants to sever that line of communication. I’m telling you, or should I say that “God is telling you”, He must be your priority above all else. I believe that when we learn this and live this “message”, He will be in the middle of everything we think is important. Every relationship, every problem, every commitment, every task, and yes, everything. You want to truly “Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time?” Remember that the answer to all things is found in our relationship with The Father. Live that message!

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: JULY 2016

Tim Adcock
David Bacon
Russell Berry
Curtis Blackburn
Blue Bodenhamer
Jamie Breed
Allison Cariker
Chris Carnohan
Brandon Carr
Lora Lynn Christensen
Roy Cloud
Mark Conrad
Christine Curtis-Carr
Faye Dodson
Greg Fortson
LaQuiera Gantt
Keith Garner
Gayla Gill
Jack Harkins
Kelly Jones
Larry Kentz

Richard Kincaid
Donna King
Charles Kirkpatrick
Ashley Larry
Dennis Laster
Royce Manning
Amanda Martin
Donald McDonald
Nancy Miller
Al Morotini
Gary Poynor
John Snapp
Becky Spargo
Rodney Weeks
Earl Williams
Randy Williams
Amanda Wiskow
Kyle Wiskow
Mark Young
Twyla Young
David Young



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Model Club Goal: \$71,250
 Percent of Goal Met: 64%
 Contributions: \$45,639.00
 Zeller Fellows: 24
 Pledged Zellers: 5
 Model Club Members: 2
 Number of lives saved: 25,355 @ \$1.80 per shot series

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

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