

# KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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## COACHES RECOGNITION AT THE KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24TH



One of the program highlights of our Kiwanis year, along with student recognition, is the Wednesday that we recognize, honor, and encourage the football coaches in our city. We ask them to attend and give us a brief analysis of their players and schedule for the upcoming year.....which for some begins tomorrow.

Since Coach Sandifer, who was invited, will not be in attendance, the senior tenured head coach visiting with us today is Coach Todd Moebes. He is beginning his fifth year as the head coach of the Cooper Cougars. The Cougars have a rich winning tradition under Coach Moebes leadership, and they have a good group of returning lettermen, so hopefully they can continue to build on that tradition this year.

Coach Del Van Cox will be starting his second season at the football helm of the Abilene High School Eagles. This is his 21st year as both assistant and head coach of the Eagles, who also have the statewide reputation of a high quality, winning program.

Last year, the Abilene Christian High School coach was Jesse Olvera. He moved to another football coaching position in the state, but taking his place was his assistant head coach and also his cousin, Ysmael Olvera. Coach Olvera attended Clyde High School, then majored in Health Promotions at Abilene Christian University. He initially was the head track coach at Bullard High School in Fresno California, went into sales for a while, then three years ago moved back to Abilene. Just like all the other coaches with us today, he is absolutely covered up with preparation details, but agreed to come and promote his program to our club.

Also visiting with us today is Gary Grubbs who is the "cheerleader" for the Champions Classic which is happening this weekend. He will give us a preview of what's happening out at Shotwell Stadium tomorrow through Saturday.

Bring a prospect and be able to infect them with a little "Pigskin Fever"!!!



Jamie Breed introduced the guests.



Kam Beck played a piano solo.



Lora Lynn introduced the program.



Soyla Lowe played the piano and sang.



Ting Han Cho played a piano solo.



Clinton Nix and Christine join in the singing.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE  
Weekly Meeting  
August 17th, 2016  
Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting .....	Christine Curtis-Carr
Prayer .....	Clinton Nix
Music.....	Bobbie Wolfe
Piano .....	Cynthia Laster
Pledge.....	Cynthia Laster
Guests.....	Jamie Breed
Cup Money .....	\$38.00
Brag .....	\$39.00 (Mark Conrad)

**In our prayers**

Remember Jarrell Young, 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 ill. Also remember Gordon Dowell and wife Dorothy, Others: Joan, wife of George Knight and Annette Collins, Jeff Goodin, and Kirby Leeson  
Pray for our nation and those leading our country.

**Guests**

Club Guests were Irene Beck, Think La, Phoenix Lowe, Dallas Lowe and Shuling Cho  
From Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene: Gail Jay

**Program**

Piano students of Lora Lynn Christensen, presented a fabulous program on August 17th. Lora Lynn introduced each student and their families.

Those performing were Kam Beck, 8 years old and a 3rd grader at Jim Ned. Kam presented two wonderful pieces. His favorite hobbies are Legos, Mario golf and math.

Solya Lowe, age 10, is a 5th grader at Austin Elementary. She also presented two songs on the piano and sang for the group. Lora Lynn shared that Solya loves songs from the 40's and 50's. In fact, she recently won 1st place in Abilene's Got Talent for her age division; certainly well deserved to be sure! Solya enjoys reading, science and serves on her student council.

Tin Han is age 12 and a 7th grader at Wylie. He presented two pieces. He is involved in baseball, basketball, scouts, and his favorite subject is math.

These young very talented children delighted us with their wonderful music!

President Christine Curtis--Carr thanked the students for the excellent program and communicated

we would make a donation in their honor to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in their 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**

**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.

**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.

**Tx-Ok District Convention Update**

Lt. Governor Melvin Martin gave an update on the Tx-Ok District Convention. Nineteen Kiwanis Club of Abilene members attended and two from Greater Abilene were also there. To say that Abilene was well represented and recognized is an understatement! Past Lt. Governor Will Smith was appointed to the Tx-Ok Foundation Board. Our Division Sophomore of the Year honoree was presented an award and lots of good things happened.

President Christine Curtis-Carr did an incredible as she announced the next two conventions would be held in Abilene. She truly made us proud!

Charles Kirkpatrick received 1st place for our Kiwanis Club Web Site - note this is the third consecutive year to win this award. Congratulations Charles for the wonderful job that you do.

Brandon Carr, editor of the Kiwanigram won 1st place for our weekly newsletter. Both Brandon and Charles received a certificate and gift certificates to the Tx-Ok District store.

The Gary Hicks Award was presented to none-other than President Christine Curtis-Carr. Sam Curry



Charles Kirkpatrick was presented with the 1st Place award in the TX-OK club website contest.



Brandon Carr was presented with the 1st Place award in the TX-OK club newsletter contest.

presented this prestigious award to Christine and shared the following: "Joyce and I established an endowment fund through the T-O Foundation with gift funds given us in my governor year. This joined leftover funds from the 2005 District Convention in Tyler. This totaled about \$19,000 and we decided to raise enough to bring that to the 25,000 level to guarantee a \$1000 Key Club scholarship annually. T-O allowed us to do so with annual awards to people who exemplified our slogan in 2010-2011 of "Step Up". With about \$1000 to go this year and with the new Hicks Award available, we felt Christine was a perfect example of a person who steps up for Kiwanis.

Also Gary Hicks was about promoting Kiwanis in a positive way as editor of the KI-Notes district newspaper. We had such high regard for Gary as he did so much for us in my year as Governor. That was the last year it was a printed paper before going online. So it was just a perfect fit that Christine personifies the award." Congratulations Christine!

## State 4-H Horse Show

Gary Bomar expressed appreciation to Kiwanians for helping with the State 4-H Horse Show. More than 450 man hours were served by Kiwanians for that event! He also encouraged Kiwanians to support the bond issue for improvements to the Expo Center.

## ELIMINATE Update!



Pam McGrew was presented with a Zeller award.



Randy Williams was presented with a Zeller award.



Kimberley Cole was presented with a Zeller award.

Mark Hoover presented Zeller Awards to Randy Williams, Kimberley Cole and Pam McGrew. Each of these completed their pledge to the Eliminate project and join 24 other members in reaching this personal goal. As you recall, the club goal is \$71,250.00. With these Zellers today, we have paid \$49,389.00 toward our commitment representing 69% of our goal in just 27 months. Lives saved as a result of these dollars is 27,483 mothers and children. Congratulations Kiwanians and keep up the good work.

### KIWANIAN: Monroe Nevels

Can you guess the lie? Come to the meeting on August 24th to find out the answer.

1. Abilene native
2. Instructor for 16 years in chemical, biological and nuclear sciences.
3. Semper Fi.

### Calendar

- September 1st – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon, Bogie’s Sandwich Shop, 241 Cypress St, Abilene
- September 6th - Club Satellite Meeting, Martinez Boys and Girls Club, 1301 Clinton Street
- September 12th – Division 35 Council Meeting 6:30 pm, Al’s Mesquite Grill, 4801 Buffalo Gap Road - Important Meeting –Note Date Change due to Labor Day Weekend.
- September 28th – Celebration Meeting – Make plans to join us for this special program where we will celebrate another great Kiwanis year.

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## SPIRITUAL AIMS

*By Randy Williams*

This month I have been talking about pursuing relationship with our Heavenly Father. I know this is a little long but Psalm 46 says, “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fail; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. He says, ‘Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth.’ The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.” Notice how in the first part of this Psalm the words of the psalmist talking about God and then God’s voice comes through verse 10, and the Lord speaks in the first person. We live in an uncertain world of sin and desperation which will continually challenge us. The command to “be still” forces us to think about our finite existence and God’s infinite existence. In “being still” we need to drop our hands, go limp, relax, and “chill out.” As you find yourself in the presence of God Almighty, you will enjoy a calm confidence in him who gave us his Son. You know, this helping others and trying to bring about positive change is a matter of health, the spiritual health of the changing agent. We cannot bring about “positive change” if your heart, soul, spirit, and body are unhealthy. So, if you want to “Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time?” “Be still, and know that He is God” and listen to the words from the “first person” your Heavenly Father.



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# ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus



Model Club Goal: \$71,250  
 Percent of Goal Met: 69.3%  
 Contributions: \$49,386.00  
 Zeller Fellows: 27  
 Pledged Zellers: 2  
 Model Club Members: 2  
 Number of lives saved: 27,438 @ \$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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