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ALLISON STAFFORD: JUVENILE CRIME IN TEXAS ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31ST



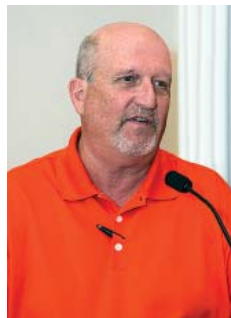
Allison Stafford was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi and is the daughter of Dr. Alan Stafford (HSU) and Pat Stafford (Retired Director of County Domestic Relations Office). She has two children, 8 yr. old son Atlas and 7 yr. old daughter, Ashlyn. She attended Hardin-Simmons University and obtained a Bachelor of Behavioral Science degree in 2001. Allison volunteered at the Crime Victim Crisis Center from 2000 to 2004. From 2002 to 2009, she went

to work at the Taylor County Juvenile Probation Department as a Juvenile Probation Officer/TYC Contract Parole Officer. From 2009 to 2012, Allison served as the Supervisor to the Probation Officer Staff. In 2012, she was promoted again to the position of Deputy Chief of Probation Services in which capacity she served until promoted to Chief Juvenile Officer in January 2014.

Allison will talk about Juvenile Crime in Taylor, Callahan, and Coleman Counties as well as discussing trends in Juvenile Crime in Texas. Meeting the needs of this troubled juvenile population is always challenging and ever changing.



Del Van Cox, Abilene High School football coach.



Gary Grubbs, represented the Abilene Champions Classic.



Todd Moebes, Cooper High School football coach.



Sue Beth Jolly was a guest of David Jolly.



Amanda Wiskow enjoyed a healthy salad!



Hal Hoogstra was a guest of Bill Hoogstra.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting

August 24th, 2016

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting	Christine Curtis-Carr
Prayer	Amanda Wiskow
Music.....	Bobbie Wolfe
Piano	Cynthia Laster
Pledge.....	Rodney Weeks
Guests.....	Mark Hoover
Cup Money	\$33.00

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

Guest.....	Member
Hal Hoogstra	Bill Hoogstra
Jeff Branch	Bill Hoogstra
Sue Beth Jolly	David Jolly
Kim Mize	Gayla Gill
Gail Gregg	David Young
Abigayle Barton	David Young
Phil Ashby.....	David Young
Scott McLean	David Young
Joe Alcorta	David Young

Program

Russell Berry introduced area football coaches on August 24th. He expressed appreciation to the coaches from leading our young people and the positive influence to the players. He communicated Wylie High School coach, Hugh Sandefer could not come. In addition, Abilene Christian High School new coach, Israel Olivera, cousin to former coach, Jesse Olivera, could not be present due to a Dr. Appointment. Russell communicated Abilene Christian High School game field is being worked on thus unavailable for the 2016 season. Instead they will play at Curly-Hayes field, 840 Barrow Street, across from Rose Park.

Russell introduced Cooper High School Coach Todd Moebes, Coach Dale Cox, Abilene High School, and Gary Grubbs, who spoke about the annual Champions Classic.

Coach Moebes stated the Cougars were on their

3rd week of practice and the future looks bright. With 7 offensive returning starters including quarterback Austin Smith. He named several of the key players communicating the year should be good. The team opened up the 1st football game for the Champions Classic at Shotwell Stadium against Keller High School at 7:30pm on Friday August 26th.

Coach Cox stated Abilene High Eagles are ready for some football! He had one request from the club and that was larger print in the Kiwanis song book! He expressed appreciation to the school administration for ongoing support. Coach Cox communicated the team had 42 seniors on it this year and shared about several of those key players we will see on the field.

Gary Grubbs communicated the 12th Action Zone Champions Classic will take place August 25th thru 27th. In the 12 years the Sports Alliance has sponsored the Champions Classic, the organization has given away more than \$100,000.00 in college scholarships to local graduating seniors. That is a testimony to the committee and athletes. In the 12 years, the economic impact to Abilene is greater than 3.5 million dollars! The title sponsor is The Action Zone, Champion Sponsor, Big Country Chevrolet Dealers, and Blitz Sponsor, Capital Farm Credit. He also named Touchdown sponsors, Half time, Instant Replay and many others. Most of the sponsors have been with the classic all twelve years. He gave the rundown of games for the weekend, communicating all should be great games. Come on out and enjoy some football!

President Christine Curtis-Carr thanked the coaches for coming 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!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUMBALL MONIES CONTINUE TO ADD UP!

In 1940 a man named John Forn from Merkel owned a bunch of peanut dispensing machines. He heard that the Kiwanis Club of Abilene was looking for sponsorships so together club members at that time tested out the idea. Machines were positioned around Abilene and a portion of the proceeds went back to



Gumball King Earl Williams received a Certificate of Appreciation.



Charles Ellis presented Mark Young of the Boys & Girls Club with a check in the amount of \$1100.

the Kiwanis Club of Abilene. In 1952 the program as we know it today got started. Club members worked really hard to distribute machines and before long there were 500 penny gumball machines in operation around Abilene. John hired Matt Casey to help manage the program. In the early 1950's, the Mayor of Abilene proclaimed a day as Gumball Day! On that day, a plane flew over the town dropping Chiclet Gum. Don't you know that was fun for City of Abilene employees! Matt Casey eventually bought the business from John. Later on, Mike Casey (Matt's son and a member of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene), bought the business from Matt. Now, Chris, Mike's son, owns the business. Today there are more than 1,000 machines in operations around the Big Country and the Kiwanis Club of Abilene continues to receive a portion of the proceeds from those machines to help children in the community. Gumball King, Earl Williams presented a report, stating 957 machines are now in operation, with only 262 being read in July. He presented a check in the amount of \$356.38 bringing the total to \$270,229.42 cents! As stated by Earl, we are still doing well. A drive will begin soon to increase the number of machines within the community. Stay tuned for more information! President Christine Curtis-Carr presented King Earl with a certificate of appreciation for his faithful service for helping to reach a milestone of \$270,000.00 in earnings!

PANCAKE DOLLARS!

Charles Ellis presented pancake dollars in the amount of \$1,100.00 to Mark Young, Executive Director of the Abilene Boys and Girls Club. Mark expressed heartfelt appreciation for the support and stated the funds would definitely be put to good use.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

2017 Tx-Ok District Convention strategic planning meeting will be held this coming Tuesday, August

30th at 7:30am at the Flipping Egg, 4150 South Danville. Kiwanians interested in helping plan for the upcoming conventions are encouraged to attend.

Committee Sign up List:

President-Elect Nancy Miller provided a list asking Kiwanians to sign up to serve on a committee during 2016-2017. Contact Nancy to learn more about the many opportunities to make a difference for others.

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.

Ramp Committee on the road:

Kelly Jones communicated the ramp committee will travel to Comanche, Texas on September 24th to help build ramps in the community. Contact Kelly or anyone on the ramp committee for more details.

West Texas Fair and Rodeo volunteers needed:

The fair dates are September 8 thru 17th. Check out the website at <http://www.taylorcountyexpo.com/> or contact Christine Curtis-Carr for more details and to sign up to help.

Abilene Business Mercado:

This is coming up on October 8 from 9:00 to 3:00 at the Abilene Civic Center and volunteers are needed. Volunteers get a free t-shirt and a meal. Contact Becky Spargo to get involved.

KIWANIAN: Donald McDonald

Can you guess the lie? Come to the meeting on August 31st to find out the answer.

1. I was a Boy Scout
2. I was a Sgt. in the Air Force
3. I am a good speller

Be aware of telephone SCAM's

Keith Garner communicated the following: "I received another scam call. They left a message saying they were from the Treasury Department and I had committed an offense and to call them back right away to prevent their filing an injunction and going before a judge and a grand jury." Don't fall for these

types of scams and do report it to the Police and the Better Business Bureau!

Calendar

- August 30th – District Convention 2017 Planning meeting – 7:30am, The Flipping Egg, 4150 South Danville, Abilene
- 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.

SPIRITUAL AIMS

By Randy Williams

Now for my last Spiritual Aims article about pursuing relationship with God. It is important to live life intentional. By that, I mean having a plan that will actually move you toward your goal. Kinda like going on a diet. You will never lose weight if you don't have a plan, a process, and something that shows you are intent on achieving the goal. Here are some simple suggestions to help you. 1) Meet with God before you meet with anyone else. Start your day in His presence. 2) Get into God's Word every day. We probably all own a Bible and maybe even several but do we ever open it up outside of Church. No one knows you like you, so search the scriptures for the advice you will find in the stories of old where people struggled just like you. See how they overcame with God's help. 3) Involve yourself in a small Bible study group or lead one among your friends, neighbors, or co-workers. Community in the Kingdom will help you stay moving toward your goal and provide accountability at the same time. Anytime I ever led a class, Bible Study, or home group, I was the one who grew the most because it forced me to be prepared and to really know the Word. 4) Record or Journal your prayers and blessings. You could even call it an "Ebenezer". When you write these things down, you will be more keenly aware of how God is working in and around your life. You will become a person who is able to "give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thess. 5:18). 5) Pick a 'theme verse' for the year. Say it aloud every day. Consider Psalm 90:12, 119:32, 133, Gal. 5:16, Phil. 1:27, 4:6-7. My wife, Gaye Lynn, has written out Joshua 1:6-9 for me and it is taped to my bathroom mirror. I often read it as an encouragement for the day. Remember that you have an enemy who wants to keep you as far away from your Heavenly Father as possible. Don't be surprised when things start to get in your way of this pursuit. This is why you must be intentional and don't be afraid to call Satan out when he tries to interfere. But I would encourage you to simply resist him. The Bible says, "Resist the Devil and he will flee". That's powerful stuff. Only God has the authority and power to rebuke Satan. So, if you truly want to "Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time"? Pursue the relationship that will help to equip you for the task. Pursue the warmth and presence of the Father and let Him provide the increase.



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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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