

# KIWANIGRAM

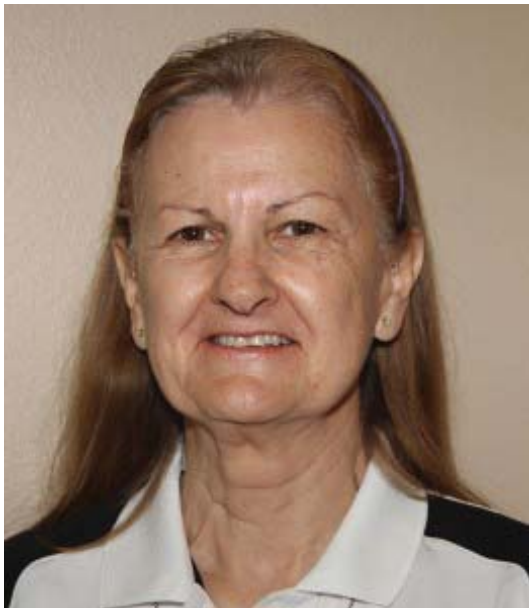
The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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## CHAPLAIN DONNA M. KLEMAN: POA FOUNDATION ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH



Chaplain Donna M. Kleman, better known as Chaplain Donna, has served the Abilene Police Department, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and is currently serving the Taylor County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Department of Public Safety. With over 1,500 hours of law enforcement and support training she is a Master Chaplain with the International Conference of Police Chaplains. She has been the recipient of the Jefferson Awards for Public Service in 2007 from the Jefferson Foundation, the prestigious Ken Ashlock Award for Excellency in Chaplaincy in 2009 from the International Conference of Police Chaplains, a Women of Outstanding Achievement Award in 2012 from the AAUW, the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run Volunteer of the Year in 2016, and recognition for 47 years of service from the American Red Cross Service to Armed Forces in 2016, in addition to other recognitions including her work in developing the Texas Department of Public Safety Chaplaincy Program and a letter from the State of Louisiana for the service provided by the Texas Department of Public Safety Critical Incident Response Team when she deployed to support first responders after Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans.

Chaplain Donna's service has included on-scene response to vehicle crashes involving one or more fatalities, homicide calls, suicide calls, domestic violence calls, death notifications, and other trauma-related incidents. She has been an unwavering presence to those dying at crash scenes, in hospitals, and at home. She has tediously worked in building loving individual and community relationships, has shed tears and laughed heartily, has had fun, yet has known great sorrow. Of all the trauma related calls the most difficult is a line-of-duty death of law enforcement as she has seen and felt the impact it has on family members, department personnel, other law enforcement organizations, and the community. She has learned the impact of a line-of-duty death is swift, yet the recovery takes years and longer.

Through all of her experiences she recognizes the preciousness of family and friends...knowing to never take the next minute for granted.



Bill Hoogstra introduced our guests.



Randy Williams introduced our program.



Allison Stafford presented the program.



Ashley Larry and guest, Pamela Piersall

**KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE**  
**Weekly Meeting**  
**August 31st, 2016**  
**Abilene Country Club**

Led Meeting .....	Christine Curtis-Carr
Prayer .....	Earl Williams
Music.....	Bobbie Wolfe
Piano .....	Cynthia Laster
Pledge.....	Bobbie Wolfe
Guests.....	Bill Hoogstra
Cup Money .....	\$34.66
Brag Money .....	\$3.00 (LaQuiera Gantt)

**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 First Responders and they serve our community.

**Guests**

Guest.....	Member
Pamela Piersall.....	Ashley Larry
Janelle Williams .....	Earl Williams

**Program**

Randy Williams introduced Taylor County Chief Juvenile Officer, Allison Stafford as the speaker on August 30th. Allison communicated the organization has 72 employees and provides services for Callahan, Coleman and Taylor Counties. The detention facility has space for 22 juveniles and houses males and females. She talked about the stages of intake for youths stating things occur very quickly. She spoke of the Taylor county learning center, in operation since 1996 and communicated many of the challenges they face each day. She stated that 60% of juvenile offenders are from single parent homes and typically these youth have no adult supervision. In addition, approximately 50% of the youth have mental health issues. They see youth as young as 10 years of age today whose "normal" is not like "our normal". Allison stated that while they face many challenges they also see a lot of good. She stated sometimes the best that can be done is to protect the juvenile from themselves and the community. She shared that employees and volunteers working for the organization are wonderful people who have a passion for kids. The ultimate goal

is to work hard to protect the community and help youth.

President Christine Curtis--Carr thanked Allison for coming and communicated we would make a donation in her honor to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation 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**

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

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.

Golden Zoobilation-September. 24:

The zoo's annual evening gala will be a wild and unique experience! We will celebrate Donald McDonald, who has served the Abilene Zoological Society for 50 years! Thank you, Donald. More details and Tickets on sale now! For more information, contact Flavia Fernandes – Abilene Zoo Special Events Coordinator:  
 (325) 437-4914 or [flavia.fernandes@abilenetx.com](mailto:flavia.fernandes@abilenetx.com)

MeekBloodCenterBloodDrive 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.taylorcountyexpoctr.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.

## CLUB SATELLITE FUN!!

"The Stars at night are big and bright, deep in the heart of Texas!" Amanda Wiskow invited members to join Club Satellite members this coming Tuesday, September 6th, 6:00pm as they hear from Astronomer, Jan Caraway. Jan will prepare attendees for a Star Gazing Party to occur at Abilene State Park

the following month on October 1st where they will have an opportunity to apply what was learned in September. All Kiwanians are welcome to attend both meetings so come on out and see the stars!

## Calendar

- 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 27th - District Convention 2017 Planning meeting - 7:30am, The Flipping Egg, 4150 South Danville, Abilene
- September 28th - Celebration Meeting - Make plans to join us for this special program where we will celebrate another great Kiwanis year.
- October 6th - Board Meeting - 12:00 noon, Bogie's Sandwich Shop, 241 Cypress St, Abilene

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## SPIRITUAL AIMS

*By Mark Young*

You may or may not know who Captain Matthew Webb was but to say he led a remarkable life would be an understatement. As an apprentice on a merchant ship he dove overboard to save a man who was drowning. Unfortunately his effort was in vain but he was awarded a medal and a hundred pounds sterling for his heroics and at the age of twelve, yes twelve, he was an overnight sensation in Great Britain. Three years later he did rescue his own brother from drowning and his fame grew even more. When he was 26 he read of a failed attempt to swim the English channel so he began training and after one failure attempt tried his second time and after 21 hours and 45 minutes and covered with jellyfish stings he became the first person to make the swim.

Talk about fame, arches were erected in his honor, he was the most requested speaker for three years but soon people forgot. He moved to America where he hoped to ride his fame with demonstrations of his swimming prowess but in America the English channel wasn't a big deal. To gain fame again he announced he would swim the Niagara Falls Whirlpool. Even after being told 62 people had already died trying he jumped in the river and started to swim across. He became the 63rd fatality...

The Teacher alludes to this in Ecclesiastes 2:11, "Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve everything was meaningless. A chasing after the wind, nothing was gained under the sun." I wonder how many of us are caught up in how we will be remembered that we forget to live for the Lord in the present. After all, isn't that what the Christian walk is about? Seeking ways to glorify our Father by serving others in His name? Perhaps when one remembers this call to service then past glories become moot and life becomes a richer experience through God's glory.



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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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