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Dr. Neal Coates, ACU, Guess No More About Iran

ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

Have you ever wondered about the politics and intrigue between the United States and Iran? Well, our program this Wednesday will provide a little assistance to help with our understanding of that confusing and convoluted issue.

Visiting with us today is Dr. Neal Coates who has studied, visited, and taught courses about international affairs, including the politics of the Middle East and courses on Iran and Israel. He has published and presented on several topics including the Bush Doctrine, democracy and terrorism in the Middle East, and the United Nations Law of the Sea Convention. With regard to Iran, he wrote a series of op-eds in the Abilene Reporter News warning against signing a nuclear deal with Iran.

Since 1999, Dr. Coates has been a professor and chairman of political science at Abilene Christian University. He holds a J. D. from the University of Kansas, and a M.A. and PH.D. in Political Science from the University of Connecticut. He has worked as an attorney for the Texas Department of Insurance and for the City of College Station. He will be teaching at ACU's Oxford campus during the Spring of 2017.

He and his family attend the Hillcrest Church of Christ, where he is an elder and chairman of the Missions Team. His wife is the Children's Minister at Hillcrest. They have been blessed to take their four children to participate in the Zambia Medical Mission over the years.

Come with your ears wide open to hear Dr. Coates presentation. He will be introduced by our President-Elect, Nancy Miller.



Carl Lockett led the opening prayer.



Don Scargall introduced the guests.



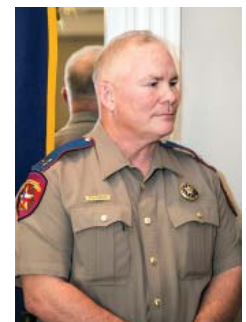
Melvin Martin conducted the program.



Maria Alvarado, founder of the Peace Officers' Angels Foundation.



Sheriff Rickey Bishop, Taylor County Sheriff.



Doug Farber, Captain, Department of Public Safety.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
Weekly Meeting
September 7th, 2016
Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting Christine Curtis-Carr
Prayer Carl Lockett
Music Greg Fortson
Piano Tim Adcock
Pledge Charles Kirkpatrick
Guests Don Scargall
Cup Money \$41.55

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 as they serve our community.

Guests

Several Honored guests were present for this special meeting:

Taylor County Agency: Sheriff Ricky Bishop, Chief Deputy David Daugherty, Lt. Craig Griffis, Lt. David Adkins, Brad Birchum, Marianne Trail, Glen Griffin

Department of Public Safety: Captain Doug Farber, Lt. Todd Ross, Lt. Stan Walters, Sgt. Chad Gossett, Sgt. Chuck Wheeler, Corp. Javier Perez

Abilene Police Department: Officer Erin Bennett, Lt. Keith Shackelford, Sgt. Ismael Jaimes, and his wife Angela, Lt. Joe Tauer

Dyess Air Force Base: Lt. Andrew Ly, Lt. Evan Walters

Others: Sparky Dean, Ellie Kennedy, Luann Chastain (Special Olympics), Alice Woodard and Maria Alvarado

Chaplain Donna's husband Craig and mother Marilyn Skinner

From News Media, John McMichael, KRBC and Nellie Doneva, Abilene Reporter News, and Jo from KTXS

Program

Lt. Governor, Melvin Martin facilitated the program on September 7th as we honored former First Responders, introduced the 2016 honoree, and remembered the events of 9-11-2001. He expressed appreciation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene for having the award and for naming it the Melvin Martin

First Responder Award. This award is to recognize an outstanding first responder providing emergency response services in Taylor, Jones, Callahan or Shackelford counties. Melvin named past honorees of this award:

- 2007 Melvin Martin
- 2008 Randy Doan AFD
- 2009 Brian Trail APD
- 2010 Rodney Holder APD (Posthumous)
- 2011 Texas Forest Service
- 2012 Sparky Dean DPS
- 2013 Eddie Harris AFD
- 2014 Justin Gregory Taylor County Sheriff Dept.
- 2015 Sergeant Ismael Jaimes, APD

He introduced the 2016 honoree, Chaplain Donna M. Kleman, better known as Chaplain Donna, who with over 47 years of service has served the Abilene Police Department, and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. She is currently serving the Taylor County Sheriff's Office and Texas Department of Public Safety. Melvin shared many of her accomplishments and recalled a specific tragedy that occurred on Ambler Street several years ago whereby two children were crossing the street to go to school. Their mother was standing on the curb watching them as one car hit one of the girls, then a second car ran over her. The first child was killed in that accident and it was Chaplain Donna who went to that family to minister to them. Over and over again, Chaplain Donna has given of herself to bring comfort and support to those faced with tragedies.

Melvin introduced several who spoke on behalf of Chaplain Donna.

Maria Alvarado, Founder of the Peace Officer's Foundation, expressed appreciation to Donna communicating she was an inspiration to those she came in contact with. She stated, "Donna brings heart and compassion to the foundation". She is an advocate for law enforcement. When an officer is injured and needs assistance, she is there. Her focus is always "how can I help and how can I better serve". Thank you Chaplain Donna for remaining steadfast in your law enforcement chaplaincy. Her example is a lesson for all of us.

Sheriff Ricky Bishop related how Chaplain Donna came to the aid of a fireman who had recently returned from serving in Iraq. The scene at a vehicle accident really affected the fireman. It was Chaplain Donna who brought other fireman together in the middle of the highway to pray for their comrade. He shared there is no one as selfless as Donna.

The recipient of the Melvin Martin First Responder Award receives an award and a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 is made in honor of that individual to a

non-profit organization (specified by the honoree). Chaplain Donna selected the Special Olympics as the recipient for 2016.

Melvin expressed appreciation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene and the community for the support to Law Enforcement. He gave examples such as the Back the Blue T-Shirts for the Abilene/Cooper Football Game, and the Abilene Jeep Club who paraded all over Abilene with Blue Flags recently. Melvin presented the 2016 Melvin Martin First Responder Award to Chaplain Donna then turned the program over to her. She expressed her appreciation stating she accepted the award but that she was accepting it for every law enforcement officer and every first responder. "It takes all of us to do what we do, working in tandem to do the best that we can for others." Chaplain Donna spoke briefly, closing with "It's about the person in front of us and their needs." At the request of Melvin, she shared a message she delivered recently to Dallas Police Officers after the loss of 5 fellow officers on July 9, 2016.

Thank you Donna for your faithful service and answering the call!

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Project ELIMINATE Challenge

President Christine Curtis-Carr communicated that in 3 years the club has reached just shy of \$51,000.00 toward our model club goal of \$71,250.00 toward the International Project, Eliminate which eliminates maternal and neonatal tetanus from the planet. The board has authorized matching funds of \$250.00 toward a Zellar Fellowship award. The Zellar pledge requires \$1,250.00, thus a member would need to contribute \$1,000.00 to qualify for the \$250.00 matching funds. There are 2 conditions: 1) This offer will be valid until the club meets the pledge goal of \$71,250.00 OR 2) until July 31, 2017.

We are using prior fund service dollars to make this offer available to members. Contact Tim Adcock, Club Treasurer or any board member for additional information.

Opportunity to win 1 month free dues for the month of October 2016

We will have a drawing on September 28th for one lucky member. Eligible members for the drawing are those members who are already on automatic

withdrawal for their monthly dues AND any member who signs up for automatic debit by 12:30pm on Wednesday September 28th. Note this can be a debit from your checking account or by credit card. Debit authorization forms will be available each week and we've also included one in this issue of the Kiwanigram. Contact Club Secretary, Faye Dodson for additional information.

NEW MEMBER



Welcome Jeff Branch! Sponsor, Bill Hoogstra introduced Jeff as a new member on September 7th. Jeff works at the Abilene State Supported Living Center and is the Aktion Club Faculty Advisor. Jeff comes from an Air Force family and was born in England. He is married to Rose and they have two children. We are excited to welcome Jeff to the Kiwanis family.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

AISD Walk for Graduates - September 17th:

Contact Christine Curtis-Carr for details. Volunteers will meet for registration, training and breakfast then go out on connect with AISD students who have not returned to school this year.

American Heart Association Heart Walk - October 1st: Russell Berry announced at least 3 Kiwanians will walk for the Kiwanis Club of Abilene in this annual event. Signup sheets for pledges will be available each week leading up to the walk. Contact Russel for additional details. Thank you for your support!

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

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 thru the month of 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.

2017 Tx-Ok District Convention Strategic Planning Meetings are scheduled for the last Tuesday of each

month. There is lots of opportunity for all Kiwanians to help with this important event and Kiwanians interested in helping plan for the upcoming conventions are encouraged to attend the next meeting, October 25th, at 7:30am at the Flipping Egg, 4150 South Danville.

Abilene Business Mercado 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: Kelly Jones

Can you guess the lie? Come to the meeting on September 14th to find out the answer.

1. I had a conversation with General Chiang Kai-shek's son.
2. I spent one week in Kota Kinabalu.
3. I am the 7th son of the 7th son.

Calendar

- 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 1st - Club Satellite Meeting, Star Gazing Event, Abilene State Park. Contact Gayla Gill for details – Note this will be Saturday evening instead of their regular 1st Tuesday of the month meeting. Come on out and enjoy the fun!
- October 6th – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon, Bogie's Sandwich Shop, 241 Cypress St, Abilene

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SPIRITUAL AIMS

By Mark Young

This past year has been a tough year to follow the news. So much anger and turmoil leading to violence and to many times, death. Chants, rallies, and diatribes filled the airwaves and we saw finger pointing reach a new level of distastefulness. Even here in America we were drowned with the choruses of Black Lives Matter, Police Lives Matter, and finally, All Lives Matter as tensions rose and what should have led to open conversation crumpled into shouting matches. I am reminded what my parents always taught us, "The only thing accomplished with arguing and yelling is anger and hurt feelings." I didn't realize it then, but they were paraphrasing James when he said in Chapter one of the book bearing his name,

¹⁹Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters! Let every person be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger. ²⁰For human anger does not accomplish God's righteousness."

Perhaps when we can get opposite sides to abide by the wisdom of James healing conversations can be held instead of derisive diatribes. Unfortunately it requires sacrifice on all sides to accomplish and I fear such sacrifices are scarce in today's world. Definitely something to pray about.

FIRST RESPONDERS PROGRAM 2016



Melvin and Chaplain Donna with Maria Alvarado founder of the POA Foundation.



Melvin and Chaplain Donna with Luann Chastain of Special Olympics.



Melvin, Chaplain Donna, Donna's husband Craig, and Donna's mother Marilyn Skinner.



Melvin and Chaplain Donna with Lt. Ly, and Lt. Walters of Dyess AFB.



Melvin and Chaplain Donna with DPS representatives.



Melvin and Chaplain Donna with Sheriff's Department staff.



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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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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF ABILENE

Dear Fellow Kiwanians,
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
This morning as I was working
through scholarship forms, I came
across the Gumaldo family. Because of
Pancake \$, they can afford to send their
3 children to the Club where homework get
done, supper is provided through Kids Cafe
and the kids get to have fun in a safe
environment. Thank you!

Mark G. Smith

Credit/Debit Authorization Form

Authorization Agreement for Direct Deposit/Payment

I (we) hereby authorize **Kiwanis Club of Abilene** (“COMPANY”) to initiate entries to my checking/savings accounts at the financial institution listed below (FINANCIAL INSTITUTION), and, if necessary, initiate adjustments for any transactions credited/debited in error. This authority will remain in effect until THE COMPANY is notified by me (us) in writing to cancel it in such time as to afford COMPANY and FINANCIAL INSTITUTION a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

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