

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



September 21st, 2016

Volume LXVI, Issue 51

ROCHELLE JOHNSON: TAYLOR COUNTY EXPO CENTER ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST



Rochelle Johnson is a native of Faywood, New Mexico. She attended McMurry College and graduated with a degree in Applied Sociology in 1986.

She began her career with the Expo Center in 1984 when she was hired as temporary staff in the livestock department during the fair. She worked part-time for the Expo Center for the next five years, and after three years in the social work field she joined the Expo Center fulltime in 1989. She has worked in every department at the Expo Center and became manager in August 2009.

Rochelle has two adult sons, Payden and Garrett.



President Christine presided.



Dr. Neal Coates presented the program.



Greg Fortsen led the singing.



Nancy Miller introduced our guest speaker.



Randy Roewe led the opening prayer.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting

September 14th, 2016

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting Christine Curtis-Carr
PrayerRandy Roewe
Music.....Greg Fortson
PianoTim Adcock
Pledge.....Keith Garner
Cup Money\$45.74
Brag Money \$24.00 (Yelithza Morales)

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. Remember Rodney Weeks sister-in-law in prayer. Also remember Gordon Dowell and wife Dorothy, Others: Joan, wife of George Knight and Annette Collins, Jeff Goodin, and Kirby Leeson

Pray for our Country especially as we consider candidates for the upcoming election.

Program

President-Elect Nancy Miller introduced Dr. Neal Coates, professor and chairman of political science at Abilene Christian University as the speaker on September 14th. Dr. Coates 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, Dr. Coates wrote a series of op-eds in the Abilene Report News warning against signing a nuclear deal with Iran. His presentation included a very interesting slide presentation to help us better understand what is going on in Iran. He communicated that Iran is a place that on a scale of 1 to 7 with 7 being the worst by "Freedom House", ranks as a 6 for civil liberties and political rights. It is not the worst in the world, look at North Korea, but it certainly is not the best. There are still opportunities for improvement. Democracy in Iran is not like democracy as we know it. Instead it is inverted. The supreme leader pulls all the strings – quite literally. It is close to the worst dictatorship in the world. Dr Coates shared a great deal of information in an effort to help us better understand the impact of Iran's influence in the world. He stated Iran's actions will only get darker in the days ahead. In closing, he encouraged the audience to get to know Iranian's and Muslims living in the United States. They

are wonderful people who do not approve of what their government is doing.

President Christine Curtis-Carr thanked Dr. Coates for the informative program and communicated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in his 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

GUMBALL Report



King Earl Williams presented a check in the amount of \$452.52 for gumball sales during the month of August. The new total is \$270,481.94!

Club Incentives

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.

UPDATE – 1 New Zellar Fellow stepped up this week! Please consider joining in this effort.

Opportunity to Win!

We will have a drawing on September 28th for one lucky member to win 1 month free dues for the month of October 2016. 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.

UPDATE – 3 members have signed up for Automatic Debit since September 1st. Let's add more! Remember- those turning in the authorization form by 12:30pm September 28th will be eligible for the drawing!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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.

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.

Guest Meals - September 7th: Thank you to those who stepped up to help cover the cost of Guest Meals for our First Responders on September 7th. We were honored to host 28 guests for this very special meeting. Please let Faye Dodson know if you can help with one or more guest meals for that day. This can be added to your October billing. A signup sheet will be on the tables on the 22nd.

KIWANIAN: Lora Lynn Christensen

Can you guess the lie? Come to the meeting on September 21st to find out the answer.

1. I grew up in Colorado.
2. I grew up picking chile and topping onions.
3. I have raced my car and won.

KIWANIAN: Charles Kirkpatrick

Can you guess the lie? Come to the meeting on September 21st to find out the answer.

1. I was born in El Paso.
2. I attended the University of Texas.
3. My favorite pastime is photography.

Perfect Attendance: August 2016

Tim Adcock	Ashley Larry
Russell Berry	Cynthia Laster
Curtis Blackburn	Dennis Laster
Jamie Breed	Royce Manning
Zach Briley	Amanda Martin
Price Brock	Mary Ann Martin
Brandon Carr	Melvin Martin
Lora Lynn Christensen	Donald McDonald
Roy Cloud	Nancy Miller
Christine Curtis-Carr	Al Morotini
Faye Dodson	Monroe Nevels
Cheri Drysdale	Don Paige
Tammi Ellison	Laurin Parrack
LaQuiera Gantt	Gary Poynor
Keith Garner	Kenneth Poynor
Gayla Gill	Donald Scargall
Mickey Hayes	William A Smith
Stephanie Hodge	John Snapp
William Hoogstra	Becky Spargo
Mark Hoover	Rodney Weeks
David Jones	Earl Williams
Larry Kentz	Amanda Wiskow
Richard Kincaid	Bobbie Lee Wolfe
Charles Kirkpatrick	Mark Young

Calendar

- 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
- Watch for announcement of the next Division 35 Council Meeting. This will be the 1st meeting of the new Kiwanis year.



SPIRITUAL AIMS

By Mark Young

I was standing outside of our Wylie Club with a group of kindergarteners and had asked them what they learned that day that they had never known before. Expecting to hear about colors, alphabets, numbers, etc., I was surprised to hear the new knowledge was all about relationships.

"I learned we can't push in line."

"I learned we have to take turns."

"I learned we are not to interrupt."

I am assuming these nuggets of knowledge came after they had transgressed or at least watched one of their classmates commit the transgression. For some reason those lessons stick with us better than just being told about them. David reminds us of this in Psalm 51 when confronted with the consequence of his actions, he acknowledges a need to learn and change his ways.

⁹Hide your face from my sins! Wipe away all my guilt! ¹⁰Create for me a pure heart, O God! Renew a resolute spirit within me! ¹¹Do not reject me! Do not take your Holy Spirit away from me! ¹²Let me again experience the joy of your deliverance!

Sustain me by giving me the desire to obey! ¹³Then I will teach rebels your merciful ways, and sinners will turn to you.

But it is more than acknowledging a need to change his actions, he also realizes he needs to change his heart!

¹⁶Certainly you do not want a sacrifice, or else I would offer it; you do not desire a burnt sacrifice. ¹⁷The sacrifices God desires are a humble spirit— O God, a humble and repentant heart you will not reject.

Perhaps when we end our day and reflect upon what we have learned from it we should end with David's psalm. Ask for forgiveness of any wrongs but more importantly, for a changed and humble heart to avoid those transgressions during the next day. Oh the lessons will keep on coming because we are human but the navigation through life will be easier to accept.

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%

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Chartered: May 25, 1921
 473 Cypress Street, Suite 107
 Abilene, Texas 79601
 Telephone/Fax: 325-673-1341
 Club E-mail: Kiwanis@AbileneKiwanis.org
 Kiwanigram Editor: Brandon Carr
brandon.carr78@gmail.com



Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.

2015-2016 OFFICERS

Christine Curtis-Carr - President
 Jamie Breed- Immediate Past President
 Nancy Miller - President-Elect
 Guy Lucas - Vice President
 Cynthia Laster- Vice President
 Tim Adcock - Treasurer
 Faye Dodson - Secretary
 Kimberley Cole - Foundation Advisor

2015-2016 DIRECTORS

Two Year:	One Year:
Amanda Wiskow	Roy Dent
Gayla Gill	Charles Ellis
Joe Kimble	Clinton Nix
Julie Wagner	Becky Spargo



Kiwanis®



Christine Curtis-Carr
President



Nancy Miller
President-Elect



Guy Lucas
Vice President



Cynthia Laster
Vice President



Faye Dodson
Secretary




Tim Adcock
Treasurer

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.

Receiver Name(s)	
Financial Institution	
Routing Number (Look between these symbols  on the bottom left of the check)	
Account Number	
Account Type	<input type="checkbox"/> Checking <input type="checkbox"/> Savings
Amount (Specific or Variable Range)	

Card Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Master Card <input type="checkbox"/> Discover <input type="checkbox"/> American Express
Name on Card:	
Card Number:	
Expiration Date:	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> CVV Code: <input type="text"/>
Amount: (Specific or Variable Range)	

Receiver Signature _____ Date _____

Return to:
Kiwanis Club of Abilene
473 Cypress Street Suite 107
Abilene TX 79601
Phone# 325.673-1341
kiwanis@abilenekiwanis.org