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The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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DANNY SIMS: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF GLOBAL SAMARITAN RESOURCES ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH



Danny Sims is Executive Director of Global Samaritan Resources – a Christian humanitarian aid organization headquartered in Abilene, Texas.

Danny is a 1985 graduate of Abilene Christian University. He holds the Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication and the MA in Organizational Communication with an emphasis in management from ACU in 1987. He is currently pursuing a Certificate in Conflict Resolution and Mediation.

Global Samaritan Resources is a Christian humanitarian relief organization that has helped people in over fifty nations on five continents. Before he began his work at Global Samaritan, he served as Senior Pastor of two Texas churches for a total of 25 years. He is an adjunct professor of communication at McMurry University as well as Cisco College. Danny has spoken across the U.S. and internationally. He has also interviewed several prominent personalities as part of Global Samaritan events, including President George W. Bush, Condoleezza Rice and NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Terry Bradshaw. Danny often writes guest columns for The Abilene Reporter News and has contributed to the popular website heartlight.org.

Danny is active in civic and volunteer organizations. He often appears in stage productions at Abilene's historic Paramount Theatre.

He is married to Suzanne who is the Administrative Coordinator for Alumni Relations at ACU. They have two children, Elijah who is a second year student at UCLA School of Law and Hannah who is a senior at Abilene Christian University.



Don Scargall led the singing.



Gayla Gill introduced the program.



Terry Johnson presented the program.



Nancy's sister Mary Fikes was our guest this week.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting

October 12th, 2016

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting	Nancy Miller
Prayer	Tammi Ellison
Music.....	Don Scargall
Piano	Lora Lynn Christensen
Pledge.....	Guinn Smith
Guests.....	Charles Ellis
Cup Money	\$31.82
Brag Money	\$22.00 (Al Morotini)

In our prayers

Prayer Warriors needed. Please keep Vicky McEwin, 39 year old daughter of our Trustee, Mark Crouch, in your prayers. Vicky has been hospitalized since June 30, 2016 and was recently air flighted back to a Houston Hospital where she remains in critical condition. We request that you share this with all of your Kiwanis Club members and we thank you.

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 who is now in Hospice Care. 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.

Guests

Guest.....Member
Mary FikesNancy Miller
Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene Members: Bobbi Bieberly, Gail Jay and Gary Jay

Program

Gayla Gill introduced Terry Johnson, Executive Director for Communities in Schools as the speaker on October 12th. Terry communicated the purpose of Communities in Schools is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. He referred to the concept as "Integrated Student Support" or "Wrap around Support" to work with at risk students in schools and surround them with community support. They work with at risk students by integrating student support in our local schools. The focus is on students with challenging life circumstances such as unstable parents and hungry kids, working with them on academics and attendance. He stated that

Communities in Schools help students by building a support plan noting that students on different campuses have different issues. Mentors build, partner, collaborate, connect and measure student success. They build a support plan and track progress. Abilene has a local board but there are 161 affiliates across the United States with 26 affiliates in Texas. In addition, Communities in Schools is in 142 school districts in the state of Texas. Terry communicated funding for the program comes from the Texas Education Foundation, private funds and the United Way of Abilene.

He told of recent success in the program and shared a special story of a young man named Jerry, who wants to be an engineer. He worked at Lauren Engineers during the summer. Jerry, is a refugee student from Africa and is a junior at Abilene High School. He earned \$1,500.00 during the summer and those funds go into his college fund. Terry shared that Jerry did such an outstanding job that he has been offered a continuing internship at Lauren Engineering through graduation from high school. He has the capacity to go to college and is on the road to success. This and other stories give credibility to the success of the program.

President Nancy Miller thanked Terry for the informative program and the work that he does to help students succeed. She communicated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in his honor which helps fund scholarships for graduating High School students.

So Kiwanians - Let's get busy Inviting, Informing and Involving in 2016-2017!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kiwanians have HEART!

Russell Berry reported that 25 club members donated \$500.00 toward the American Heart Association Walk that was held on October 1st. The total amount raised was \$54,865.00. He thanked members for their support and communicated he like to see us increase that amount of \$1,000 in 2017. Those members who donated to the walk were entered into a drawing for two Heart Walk t-shirts. Congratulations to the lucky winners, Bill Hoogstra and Randy Roewe.

Project ELIMINATE Challenge

In just 3 years the club has reached just shy of \$51,000.00 toward our model club goal of \$71,250.00 for 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.

Please consider joining in this effort.

Key Club



Exciting Key Club news! Friday October 14th was Abilene High's Homecoming and the boy and girl crowned King and Queen are both in Key Club! Nydia Gomez (Queen) is the Treasurer and Cooper Cooke (King) is a senior member and brought a record amount of box tops last year during our competition.

NCCIL

The National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature invites you to the opening of "Travels with Brian Floca", Friday October 14 at 11:45am at the NCCIL Gallery, 102 Cedar Street, Abilene TX 79601. Call 325-673-4586 to RSVP or reserve tickets online at info@nccil.org by October 10th. Cost is \$15.00 per person/\$100 per table of 8.

Thank You!

Do you see those Kiwanis Club of Abilene photos in the Abilene Reporter News and on Facebook from week to week? Be sure to thank Charles Kirkpatrick who is responsible for posting those photos and getting our name out there! Great job Charles! We truly appreciate all that you do

Opportunities to Serve

READERS NEEDED:

The reading program at Reagan Elementary will begin the week of October 10th. We need more readers, if you would like to help please contact John R Ruiz at 325-665-9963

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.

Club Satellite

Club Satellite will be collecting Walmart-like shopping bags as a service project that will be made into sleeping mats for homeless veterans. These mats are placed on the ground to keep their bedding dry. Contact Gayla Gill or any Club Satellite member for more information.

Club Satellite had Jan Carrington with Big Country Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists visit our meeting in September. She presented a very thorough program on nature in the surrounding areas of Abilene.

Then on October 1st, our regular meeting was held at the State Park for their Star Party where our next month's meeting continued. There were three Club Satellite members, an Associate member, & a guest (Kyle and Amanda Wiskow, LaQuiera Gantt, Gayla Gill, and guest Althea Barry) who participated in the Star Party. There were Abilene & Cooper High students who were there along with their teachers for their Astronomy class and others interested in astronomy. All I can say is WOW! Another part of the beauty of

God's creation was held on a perfectly clear night.

Jan Carrington pointed out with a laser pointer several constellations including Cassiopeia, Andromeda, Pegasus (he was upside down), and so many others. Jan had mentioned that this was the best Star Party with it being a very clear sky. The Milky Way was in full form. We saw the International Space Station glide by. By far, my highlight was seeing in a very large telescope, the planet Saturn. To actually see this planet and the ring was an all-time high. Thanks to Amanda Wiskow for putting these two months of meetings together for Club Satellite.

Calendar

- October 25 – District Convention 2017 Planning meeting – 7:30am, The Flipping Egg, 4150 South Danville, Abilene
- November 8 – Club Satellite Meeting – 6:00pm Martinez Boys & Girls Club, 1301 Clinton St, Abilene
- November 3 – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon, Bogie's Sandwich Shop, 241 Cypress St, Abilene
- November 3 – Division 35 Council Meeting – 6:00pm Natural Food Center, 2534 S 7th St, Abilene, TX 79605, call 325-668-8504 to place food order.

SPIRITUAL AIMS

By Stephanie Hodge



ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus



Model Club Goal: \$71,250
 Percent of Goal Met: 74.6%
 Contributions: \$53,136.00
 Zeller Fellows: 30
 Pledged Zellers: 2
 Model Club Members: 2
 Number of lives saved: 29,520 @ \$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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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.

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 Kimberley Cole – Foundation Advisor

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Al Morotini	Carl Lockett
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Randy Roewe	Amanda Wiskow



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JOIN US AS WE THANK OUR DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS
FOR SUPPORTING THIS PROJECT & OUR COMMUNITY'S CHILDREN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28TH
CPS • 3610 VINE STREET, ABILENE, TX
7:30 AM DONOR BREAKFAST
8:00 AM RIBBON CUTTING

