

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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MASHELLE ANCELL: BEN RICHEY BOYS RANCH
ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND



Ben Richey Boys Ranch will present our program this week! John Thomas, Vice President for Development, will give us an update for the Ranch. Mashelle Ancell, Vice President for Social Service for Social Work will be speaking to us about the exciting new "Moms Program" at the Ranch.

Mashelle Ancell is the Vice President of Social Work at Ben Richey Boys Ranch & Family Program. She has worked at the Ranch for a total of 20 years. Mashelle earned her Bachelor of Behavioral Science in Social Work from Hardin-Simmons University in 1992, and her Masters of Education in Guidance and Counseling in 1995. She has four children, two sons and two daughters. Korbin is 20 years old and is a Junior at ACU; Kade is 17 years old and is a Senior at Wylie High School; and Kasidy and Kyndal are twin 4 year olds. Mashelle loves her job and considers the staff and clients at the Ranch her family, as well!



Nancy Miller
presiding.



Earl Williams gave a
gumball report.



Faye Dodson
introduced the
program.



Jamie Breed
presented the
program.



Nancy Miller's sister
Mary Fikes was a
guest.



Brian Poynor spoke
about the APD Blue
Santa project.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting

October 19th, 2016

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting	Nancy Miller
Prayer	Gary Poynor
Music.....	Don Scargall
Piano	Lora Lynn Christensen
Pledge.....	Bill Hoogstra
Guests.....	Kelly Jones
Cup Money	\$37.10
Brag Money	\$7.00 (Allison Cariker)

In our prayers

Remember President Nancy Miller as she recovers from her recent fall.

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
Brian Poynor.....	Gary Poynor
Mary Fikes	Nancy Miller

Program

Faye Dodson introduced Lt. Governor, Jamie Breed, as the speaker on October 26th. Jamie, Executive Director of Harmony Family Services, presented a great program sharing the history of Harmony Family Services. As many may already know, this is the 50th anniversary for Harmony which began in 1960 as the Abilene Girls Home. This was a time when Abilene had the Abilene Boys Ranch and Hendrick Home for Children but there was still a gap and need for young girls. She proudly shared that it was the Kiwanis Club of Abilene who donated the first \$1,000.00 to the Abilene Girls Home all those years ago. We learned of the early challenges including the closing of the home in 1974 for regrouping. Jamie's parents, James and

Grace Lacey were hired at that time as house parents. Jamie started working alongside her parents in 1976. She shared that President Gerald Ford spoke at a Girls Home Banquet in 1980 and shared a wonderful story about how that came about. In 1990 the name changed from Abilene Girls Home to Harmony Family Services. The organization has a much further reach over the years, at one time serving 48 counties in the state of Texas, including a boy's treatment center in Archer City. She shared some of the challenges along the way and named several Kiwanians who served on the board. Today, it is time to celebrate their 50th Anniversary! Congratulations Harmony Family Services!

Please join us as Harmony Family Services, formerly the Abilene Girls Home, celebrates 50 years of service to children and families with a Reunion and Celebration Dinner on November 5, 2016 at Abilene Christian University's Hunter Welcome Center. The featured speaker will be Jenny Broughton, a gifted storyteller who has shared her message of faith, hope and healing across the nation. Tickets are \$35 each and tables of 8 may be reserved for \$280. To make your reservation, please call the office at 325-672-7200.

President Nancy Miller thanked Jamie for her dedication to children and the informative program. She communicated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in her honor which helps fund scholarships for graduating High School students.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUMBALL REPORT

King Earl Williams presented a check in the amount of \$271.44 for September reading of 200 gumball machines. He reported we now have 953 machines in operations. Funds received today bring the grand total to \$270,753.38!!

APOA

Brian Poynor, son of Gary Poynor serves on the board of the Abilene Police Officers Association. He shared briefly about an APD Christmas project.

Abilene Operation Blue Santa, benefits school-aged children who are identified as either in need or at-risk. The funds raised will help provide Christmas to children recommended by teachers, school counselors, and school resource officers within the

Abilene and Wylie Independent School Districts. Each child will be matched with an Abilene Police Officer who can assist the child in selecting Christmas gifts for themselves and their families. The mission of Abilene Operation Blue Santa is enhancing relationships in the community we serve by giving back during the Christmas season. The generosity from the Abilene community amazed the officers last year, assisted the steering committee and the goal for this Christmas is to aid at least 80 children.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTED



Help us welcome our newest member, Gail Gregg as a Kiwanian! Gail, sponsored by Dr. David Young was officially inducted on October 26 and introduced by Christine Curtis- Carr. Having served in many roles with AISD since 1992, including former principal of Cooper High School, Gail is now serving as Deputy Superintendent for the school district. He is already known by many of us, however if you haven't done so, please make an effort to do so soon. Gail it's great to welcome you as a Kiwanian!!

CLUB INCENTIVE BROUGHT TO YOU BY YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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.

CONGRATULATIONS



President Nancy Miller presented immediate Past-President Christine Curtis-Carr with a beautifully bound book of Kiwanigrams for the year 2015-2016.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

READERS NEEDED:

The reading program at Reagan Elementary began the week of October 10th. We need more readers, if you can 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, will be Tuesday December 13th, at 7:30am at the Flipping Egg, 4150 South Danville. (No meeting in November)

CLUB SATELLITE CORNER

Club Satellite will be collecting Walmart-like shopping bags as a service project that will be made into sleeping mats for homeless veterans. Gayla Gill communicated it takes 500 to 700 bags to make one 6ft by 3ft mat. These mats are placed on the ground to keep their bedding dry. Contact Gayla or any Club Satellite member for more information.

Terry Lopez is speaking at the Club Satellite meeting on November 1st at the Martinez Boys & Girls on her work with our homeless veterans and will teach us how to use the plastic bags for mats.

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Terry Lopez is a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and is the 2015-2016 VFW District 8 Surgeon, which consists of 12 Posts. She is also the VFW Post 6873 Surgeon which is the 3rd largest Post of 24 Districts in the state of Texas and is the 17th largest Post in the world. The responsibility of the Surgeon is to tend to the morale and wellness of the veterans and their families. She is presently working with experts in the Mental Health field and researching alternative therapies in support of mental health wellness.

Her service included both stateside and overseas assignments. She served in the United States Air Force on active duty from 1986 to 2008 and retired with over 22 years of service. Some of her decorations and campaign recognition include; Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster, Air Force Achievement Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal and Southwest Asia Service Medal.

Terry is a native Texan and following retirement in

July 2008 returned to Texas. She resides in Abilene which she considers home. She has been a Sports Massage Therapist since 1993 and gives her time back to charitable organizations. Terry also works with rescue horses that are trained to aid in therapy for autistic children. The loves of Terry's life are her son, Seth Adam Blake and granddaughter, Kay.

Calendar

- November 1 – 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.
- December 13 – District Convention 2017 Planning meeting – 7:30am, The Flipping Egg, 4150 South Danville, Abilene

SPIRITUAL AIMS



This is one of my granddaughters, Reyma Rejoice Dowdy. She is 3 years old. The other night my wife fixed popcorn for Reyma and her 4 yr. old brother, Josiah. I was sitting on the couch and Reyma came into the room with her little bowl of popcorn. I began to play with her saying that she had popcorn and Grandpa didn't get any. Without a second thought, she reached her hand into her bowl and promptly removed over half the popcorn placing it on a tv tray that was in front of me. She said, "Here you go Grandpa"! I just sat there and looked at the sweet, open-handed love of this little child. And at that moment, the Spirit of God said to me, "And there it is Randy. That's how your Heavenly Father wants you to live... open-handed in love". Now all of us know that it is natural for parents to want their children to learn to be grateful, generous, and giving. In that same way, our Father in Heaven wants His children to become generous and to learn to share whatever we have, whether it is little or much. He wants us to be grateful for what He provides and to be open-handed with what He gives us. But in this modern world we often struggle with materialism, consumerism, indebtedness, concerns about our finances, and fears about what might happen in the future. In difficult economic times we are sometimes challenged in this area of our lives. But according to the Bible teachings of the prophet Haggai, God sometimes allows cold

economic winds to blow to get our attention so that we will "give careful thought to our ways" and re-discover the importance of putting God first in our lives and first in our finances. He wants us to discover afresh how living a life of giving, not just getting, leads us to real joy, lasting happiness, and true contentment. You know, I want to have a giving heart like little Reyma. So let us be encouraged to: (1) SUBMIT ourselves and all we have to the LORD, (2) STUDY the Scriptures on finances and generosity, (3) SEE what God has provided in our lives, (4) SET ASIDE resources to give, in other words, live intentionally to be givers, (5) SYSTEMATICALLY give, (6) SPONTANEOUSLY give as the LORD leads us, (7) SIMPLIFY our lives to be even more generous. Let's call it the 7 "S"s. You really want to "Change the World, one Child and one Community at a time"? Live intentionally "open-handed" like sweet, little Reyma Rejoice Dowdy. Well done Mom & Dad & God!

Randy Williams

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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