

# KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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## VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCE ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH



Come and join us in remembering and celebrating our veterans who are club members as well as all other veterans. Bill Lenches will share his thoughts about Veterans' Day as well as give us an update on what is new and different about the museum.

Originally hailing from the small town of Gladstone, New Jersey, William Lenches joined the US Air Force at the age of 18. He served 25 years, in fields as diverse as Special Operations, Air Rescue, Aircraft Maintenance and Small Unit Warfare Instruction, retiring in 2008 in the grade of Master Sergeant.

Mr. Lenches is the Executive Director of the 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum. His life experiences luckily prepared him to fill this position- having worked as a restorer of vintage automobiles and enjoying the hobbies of military history and World War II reenacting gave him the practical hands-on knowledge to run such an enterprise. Coupled with the management experience he gained while on active duty, his transition from military to civilian life has been a smooth one.

Bill married the former Jennifer Hensley of Albany, Texas, on December 12th, 2012- 12-12-12. The ceremony was performed at the 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum by the grandson of a 12th Armored Division veteran. Jennifer Lenches serves as the Museum's Projects Coordinator.

Mr. Lenches holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in History from Excelsior College and is in the process of writing his Masters Degree thesis at Southern New Hampshire University.



Randy Williams led the singing.



Melvin Martin introduced the program.



Mashelle Ancelle presented the program.



Jack Harkins celebrated his birthday this week.



John Thomas of Ben Richey Boy's Ranch was a guest of the club.

# KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

## Weekly Meeting

### November 2nd, 2016

#### Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting .....	Nancy Miller
Prayer .....	Russell Berry
Music.....	Randy Williams
Piano .....	Jamie Breed
Pledge.....	Tim Adcock
Cup Money .....	\$44.74
Brag Money .....	\$14.00 (Becky Spargo)

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

### Program

Melvin Martin introduced John Thomas and Mashelle Ansell, representing the Ben Richey Boys Ranch & Family Services as the speakers on November 2nd. As many of us know, John serves as Vice President for Development for the ranch. Mashelle is Vice President of Social Work at Ben Richey and has worked at the ranch for 20 years. John expressed appreciation to the club for our continued support and shared that over the years, the Kiwanis Club of Abilene has given Ben Richey Boys Ranch over \$26,000.00! He shared the history of the ranch, communicating the ranch began in 1947 when a gentleman by the name of Ben Richey and his wife Jamie, recognized there were a lot of kids on the street getting into trouble. He went to the "City Fathers" and asked for land to help us help these kids. The city approved the request and

helped Ben Richey obtain some barracks to set up on the property. That was now 69 years ago and the organization is still going strong.

About 20 years ago, the ranch took all kinds of kids. The decision was made to accept only privately placed kids. It was a tough decision, but the right decision. Fund raisers great donors, and foundation support have been amazing. He shared that in the past 16 years, Ben Richey's budget has been met. About 12 years ago Albany, Texas stepped up and opened a facility in the community. That location is going strong so now there are 2 campuses. Seven years ago the Mom's Program was introduced.

John shared Ben Richey's will begin a capitol campaign soon to build 10 homes on one end of Ben Richey's Boys Ranch to help house more families. The ultimate goal is to help more children and helping keep families together is important.

Mashelle shared more details about the Family Program which started in 2009. It is a program designed to help moms get back on their feet. Most moms come from a life of domestic violence or homelessness. From 2009 through 2015, the organization has helped 51 moms and 121 children. The goal is to help the moms but ultimately to help the children. Most families stays average 7 months. She shared information about the program and specific details to help teach moms to be responsible and successful. Goals are set and the moms are required to actively work toward those goals. It's not easy but it works. She shared there are currently 3 apartments. Once the 7 month program is completed, moms can move into the independent living program (those three apartments) and average stay there is around 24 months. This has proven to be very successful and that statistic led to the idea of the new capital campaign "Vision of Hope". The plan is to build 10 small 2 bedroom, one bath homes for those moms who are ready for independent living. The hope is to build it into a neighborhood for families. She closed by sharing a powerful letter from a mom who worked through the program. "A new life can happen if you are willing and ready to put in the work."

President Nancy Miller thanked John and Mashelle for the outstanding program and communicated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in their honor which helps fund scholarships for graduating High School students.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Club Incentives 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.

**Boys and Girls Committee Presentations:** Randy Roewe, Chairman of the committee presented Jamie Breed with Pancake Dollars in the amount of \$500.00 in honor of the 50 year anniversary of Harmony Family Services.

### 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.



Randy Roewe presented Jamie Breed with a check for \$500 in recognition of Harmony Family Service's 50th anniversary.

### Calendar

- December 1 – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon, Bogie's Sandwich Shop, 241 Cypress St, Abilene
- December 1 – 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

### Perfect Attendance September 2016

Tim Adcock	Larry Kentz
Russell Berry	Richard Kincaid
Blue Bodenhamer	Charles Kirkpatrick
Jeff Branch	Cynthia Laster
Zach Briley	Dennis Laster
Lora Lynn Christensen	Carl Lockett
Roy Cloud	Guy Lucas
Kimberley Cole	Donald McDonald
Christine Curtis-Carr	Nancy Miller
Faye Dodson	Yelithza Morales
Tammi Ellison	Al Morotini
Greg Fortson	Randy Roewe
Keith Garner	Donald Scargall
Gayla Gill	Angela Walker
Glyn Hammons	Earl Williams
David Jones	Amanda Wiskow



## SPIRITUAL AIMS

Randy Williams



This week we face a decision as a country. I cannot recall, through my knowledge of political history, an election where the people had to decide between two such polarizing figures. I find myself waffling between disgust and despair that these are the best two people that this country can come up with to lead the greatest nation of all times. Then I am reminded of Eph. 1: 11 that says, "In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will." Our Father is sovereign and "in charge". He reminds me that I must come to Him daily for a fresh supply of hope and strength. Everyday problems can just drain away your reserves. But God offers us a new hope every morning. Be confident

of His love and assured of His power. Be strengthened that He will bring comfort from each day's problems. Many around you face discouragement and disappointments. Some are desperate and drained of hope. As you come before the Father, seeking a measure of His grace, He will open you, not only to Him in your troubles but to the plight of others. He wants us to be His instrument of courage and hope. He will help you soar like an eagle and, in turn, lift those who are bound. In Acts 20: 2, the Bible says, "While there, Paul encouraged the believers in all the towns he passed through." If you Kiwanians truly want to "Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time", you will live Acts 20: 1-12 and be a "Giver of hope with gifts of encouragement".

YOU DO THE *worl'd*  
A *wonderful* FAVOR  
JUST BEING *you.*

Dear Kiwani Club-  
So so grateful for your box-top contribution  
to our campus here at Reagan Elementary!  
We use our box-tops to fund PE equipment  
and we are super excited to use our  
lastest order ♡ thanks so much.  
Shannon Barnett: Betty Lindsay



# 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.

### 2016-2017 OFFICERS

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- Gayla Gill – Vice President
- Robert Pritz – Vice President
- Tim Adcock – Treasurer
- Faye Dodson – Secretary
- Brice West – Foundation Advisor

### 2016-2017 DIRECTORS

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| <b>Two Year:</b> | <b>One Year:</b> |
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