

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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MUSICAL PROGRAM: GREG AND JILL FORTSON
ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH



Greg and Jill, met while traveling and singing all over the United States, with a singing group from Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. They have been singing and ministering together ever since in churches both in Ohio and Texas. Greg works at Disability Resources, in sales and marketing for their Document Destruction service. He also serves at North Park Baptist Church as music minister. Jill is the Director of the Career Center at Abilene Christian University, and also serves at the church on the worship team, singing and playing piano. They were married in August 1986. They have 3 boys, Jonathan, a student at Texas Tech, majoring in Music Education, and twins, David and Benjamin who are in the AISD schools.



Nancy Miller presiding.



Carl Lockett led the opening prayer.



Mark Hoover introduced the speaker.



William Lenches presented the program.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting

November 9th, 2016

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting	Nancy Miller
Prayer	Carl Lockett
Music.....	Randy Williams
Piano	Jamie Breed
Pledge.....	David Jolly
Cup Money	\$46.90
Brag Money	\$13.00 (Will Smith)

In our prayers

Please keep Vicky McEwin, 39 year old daughter of our Trustee, Mark Crouch, in your prayers.

Remember Kristen and Chris Carnohan and family in the coming days. Kristen's mother, Renella Watson who passed away on November 8th. Funeral services for Mrs. Watson were held on Friday November 11th in Knox City.

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

Program

Mark Hoover recognized our Veterans who so faithfully served our country and introduced Bill Lenches, Executive Director of the 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum as the speaker on November 9th. Bill is married to the former Jennifer Hensley of Albany, Texas who serves as the Museums Projects Coordinator. Mark shared "as Bill said, they met at the museum, they got married at the museum, she now works at the museum and he has a great boss!" Bill shared that the difference in Memorial Day and Veterans Day is on Memorial Day we "remember" our comrades who did not come back. We tell stories about them and we keep their memory alive. Veterans Day is a time to honor those who served our country and to learn from them. He communicated the 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum represents the lives of those who served to protect our freedom. He shared stories and communicated that talking to Veterans and carrying their stories forward is important. Let us continue talking to our Veterans, learn from them and honor them.

President Nancy Miller thanked Bill for the wonderful program and 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

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.

Tx-Ok Convention Planning:

2017 Tx-Ok District Convention Strategic Planning Meetings are scheduled for the last Tuesday of each month. The next meeting, will be Tuesday December 13th, at 7:30am at the Flipping Egg, 4150 South Danville. (No meeting in November)

Box Tops for Education:

We continue to collect box tops for Reagan Elementary. This is something we all can do. Our box tops help Reagan provide physical education equipment.

BUG's presentation:

Monday, November 14th at 12:30pm and 2:30pm at Reagan Elementary. Kiwanians are encouraged to attend this fun event and support these awesome students!

Club Satellite Corner

Thanks to all who showed up at November's CS meeting. What a wonderful turnout! A service project held in-house seems to bring everyone all together. Terry Lopez who works with Veterans of Foreign Wars explained how to cut the plastic bags, make knots out of the loops, and roll into a ball of "plarn" (plastic + yarn = plarn). David Jones was at my table and to watch him knotting and rolling was a hoot. For some reason, his knotting could only consist of colored plastic bags. He didn't want the clear plastic bags. Faye Dodson brought someone from work who donated bags, is interested in the project and crochets (yay!). I invited someone who knew Terry Lopez who helped out in the informational areas of this project. A big thank you to First Financial Bank (Faye Dodson's area) for collecting bags and also to Bassetti Elementary for donating bags as a school service project. And thank you to all the CSer's who

showed up. Every table was filled with bags, scissors, and people. I haven't seen that many people in that room in a long time! We are still in need of those who crochet. Please continue to collect the bags.

What a joy it is to see a service project in motion and what a difference it makes in one's own heart!

Club Satellite is 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.

Project ELIMINATE Challenge

Thank you for your interest in the Eliminate Project. When you give US\$1,250 to The Eliminate Project, you can become a Walter Zeller Fellow—and save or protect more than 690 women and their future babies. MNT is on the brink of elimination. With your gift you have the power to save lives and prevent a life-threatening disease.

Walter Zeller Fellows are recognized with a medallion, certificate and commemorative lapel pin—and, most importantly, the knowledge they helped fill more than 690 lives with unlimited possibilities.

As announced on November 9th, the Kiwanis Club of Abilene board approved matching \$250.00 toward the \$1,250.00 pledge to become a Walter Zeller Fellow. In addition an anonymous donor stepped up to match the \$250.00 board amount. Thus members contributing \$750.00 will be eligible for Zeller status.

This would remain valid until either:

1. The Kiwanis Club of Abilene meets the Model Club Goal of \$71,250.00
2. By July 31, 2017, whichever occurs first?

Please make checks payable to the Abilene Kiwanis

Club Foundation. In addition, let Faye Dodson know if you are interested in monthly automatic debit from your checking account or credit card and contact Mark Hoover if you have any questions. Together we can reach our goal by the 2017 TX-OK Kiwanis Convention!

Thank you for your support of this important effort and please consider joining in this effort.

Kiwanis Directory

2016-2017 Kiwanis Directory is now available online. The directory is password protected. Contact Club Secretary, Faye Dodson or Charles Kirkpatrick to obtain log in details

MEETING CANCELLATIONS

President Nancy Miller announced we will not meet on Wednesday November 23rd (the day before Thanksgiving) or December 28th.

Calendar

- November 23 – No Kiwanis Meeting – Enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday
- 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 6 – Club Satellite Meeting – 6:00pm Martinez Boys & Girls Club, 1301 Clinton St, Abilene
- December 13 – District Convention 2017 Planning meeting – 7:30am, The Flipping Egg, 4150 South Danville, Abilene
- December 28 – No Kiwanis Meeting – Celebrate the Christmas Holiday

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SPIRITUAL AIMS

Randy Williams



I read the Abilene Reporter News, Letters to the Editor Section fairly regularly. I used to be mostly interested in the comments posted by other readers. Sadly, there are probably 6-7 folks who regularly post there and they are primarily atheists or at the very least, agnostics. Any subject that mentions God is sure to release their anti-religion rantings. You will see them say things like, "You can't legislate morality". Now it is certainly true that you can't force people to believe in moral principles but you can sure call for laws to protect the innocent, the weak, and the most basic human rights. For instance, shouldn't there be laws against murder? How about laws against stealing? Of course, there should be such laws and there are; but don't those laws legislate morality? Legislatures make laws and all those laws are based on somebody's view of morality. These laws are meant to protect people from being taken advantage of, abused, mistreated, or even killed. So, anyone who says that Christians can't let our moral beliefs influence society as a whole is not only speaking an untruth about

Christian influence, but they are also speaking an untruth about the influence of that same society. Every society bases their laws on someone's view of morality. To exclude Christian moral belief is not only naïve, but closed-minded and prejudiced. True morality comes from God. We are made in His image, and unlike every other creation, man has a sense of morality. In that light, I ask, "Can you find a higher sense of morality than Jesus and His Word?" If we truly want to "Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time", we will model the moral code taught by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Where else will you hear such ideas as "love your enemies" or "love your neighbor as you love yourself".



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

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| Al Morotini | Carl Lockett |
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| Randy Roewe | Amanda Wiskow |



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