

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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JAY PACKER: WHY BIRDS?

ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH



Back in the late 80's and early 90's, Charles Kirkpatrick, Bruce Dolloff, and Russell Berry ran daily at the track and on the road at Redbud Park....just for fun, and often in training for some 5K or half marathon race. We had a couple of ladies joining us quite frequently on those days who needed "protection" on those dark, dreary, 4:30AM mornings. One of those ladies who ran with us was Laura Packer, and since those runs were 6-10 miles long, we had lots of conversation times. Laura's main subject, beside the activities of her children, was her interest in wildlife, especially birds. She often talked of traveling all over the state with her son to discover a rare bird they had never seen. Laura passed away several years ago, but left a living legacy in her son, Jay. He is to be our program for the day.

Jay Packer has been searching for birds for over 25 years. What started in Abilene, expanded through Texas, and culminated in a global quest to see as many of the world's birds as possible. From the Amazon to Australia, he and his wife Amy have traveled to six continents and visited some of the greatest wild places on Earth. His latest endeavor includes an increased focus on photography. While home is his native Abilene, he teaches biology at ATEMS High School.

No doubt, you've heard of the Birdman of Alcatraz. Well, under much better circumstances we will hear from the Birdman of Abilene, so drop what you are doing and come and enjoy lunch with your fellow Kiwanians.... and bring a guest with you that might be interested in becoming a member.



Greg and Jill Fortson presented the program.



Liz Smyser was a guest of David Bacon.



Loretta Blackburn was a guest of Curtis Blackburn.



Mindy Rios was a guest of Joe Kimble.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
Weekly Meeting
November 16th, 2016
Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting	Nancy Miller
Prayer	Jerry Carter
Music.....	Randy Williams
Piano	Jamie Breed
Pledge.....	Zach Briley
Guests.....	Jamie Breed
Cup Money	37.43
Brag Money	\$13.50 (Roy Dent)

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

Guests

Guest.....	Member
Laretta Blackburn	Curtis Blackburn
Elaine Kirkpatrick.....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Mindy Rios	Joe Kimble
Liz Smyser.....	David Bacon
Debbie House.....	Faye Dodson

Program

Charles Kirkpatrick introduced Kiwanian Greg Fortson and his wife Jill as the Spiritual Aims program on November 16th. Greg and Jill shared their love for the Lord with a beautiful music program. Selections were:

- Honor the Lord With Your Song of Praise
- Give Me Eyes to See Who You Are
- I'll Take You at your Word
- Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)
- God is In Control and closed with
- Hear My Prayer

President Nancy Miller thanked Greg and Jill for the delightful 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

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.

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.

Key Club



Amanda Wiskow(left) and Angela Walker(right) introduced Key Club President Tori Dunnam(center).

It was great to hear from Key Club President, Tory Dunnam this week. Tory expressed appreciation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene for the support and communicated Key Club was off to a great start for the New Year. They have had one social and helped with a community garden clean up as a service project recently. They are partnering with PALS to collect coats for students. Kiwanians can help by donating new or gently used coats for the project. Contact Amanda Wiskow for details.

Club Satellite Corner

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.

Club 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

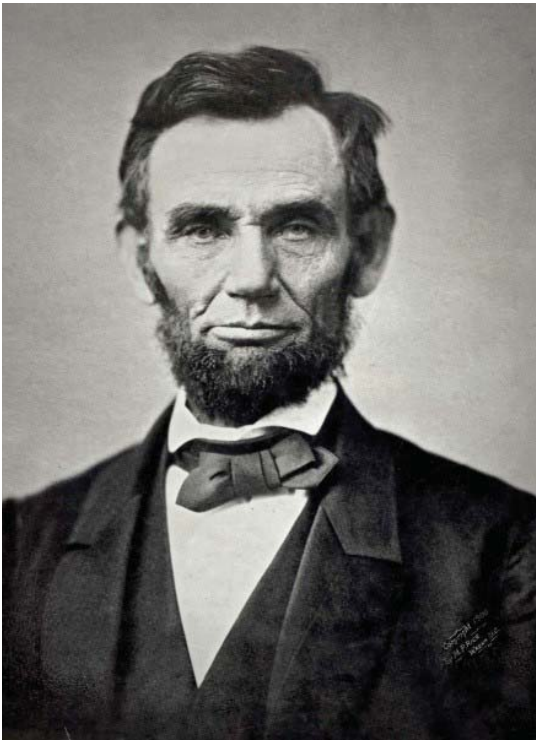
- November 23 – No Kiwanis Meeting – Enjoy the Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 1 – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon, Bogie's Sandwich Shop, 241 Cypress St, Abilene
- December 13 – Division 35 Council Meeting – 6:30 pm Paramount Theater
- December 6 – Club Satellite Meeting – 6:00pm Martinez Boys & Girls Club, 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
- January 21, 2017 – Governor John Sheridan visit to the Big Country Area from 10:00am to 2:00pm Highland Church of Christ

DIVISION 35 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mark your calendars and make plans to attend TX/OK Governor John Sheridan's visit to the Big Country Area on Saturday, January 21, 2017 from 10am-2pm. We will meet at the Highland Church of Christ, 425 Highland Ave, Abilene, TX 79605. There will be more information to come on this at a later date.
- Kiwanians, please make plans to join attend the next Division Council meeting on December 13 at the lovely Paramount Theater in downtown Abilene for a combined Division Council Meeting/Social Gathering. We will meet in the lobby of the Paramount at 6:30 and hold our Division Council Meeting followed by a wonderful Christmas program presented by the Abilene Community Band at 7:30. We will send out more information as plans are finalized for this event.
- 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)



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On April 12, 1861, the United States entered into the Civil War which would rage until May 9, 1865. Strangely, we find that at Thanksgiving time in 1863, Abraham Lincoln was quoted as saying, "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown." I think we would all agree that the American Civil War was a terrible time. The nation was seemingly being torn apart. Brothers were killing brothers and communities were being devastated. Yet, in the midst of it all, our president considered us "the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven". How do you do that? How do you find yourself in the middle to troubles and turmoil and not let it completely overtake you? Clearly, Ole' Abe knew how to live the meaning of 2 Corinthians 4:18: "As we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal." And there you have it. God created us to be eternal and as we seek His will in our lives, we know our future. Satan, the enemy, will try to convince you that your circumstances are too big, too terrible for anyone to deal with. But he knows that this is a lie. If you want to "Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time", live a life that shows others that in the midst

of your struggles, you remember the words of Abraham Lincoln when he said that we are "the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven". This time of year, rejoice that you live in the greatest country of all time, and GIVE THANKS!



Clinton Nix was presented with a Zeller award.



Lora Lynn Christensen was presented with a Zeller award.

ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus



Model Club Goal: \$71,250
 Percent of Goal Met: 77.7%
 Contributions: \$55,386.00
 Zeller Fellows: 32
 Pledged Zellers: 1
 Number of lives saved: 30,770 @ \$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

- Nancy Miller – President
- Christine Curtis-Carr – Immediate Past President
- Dennis Laster – President Elect
- Gayla Gill – Vice President
- Robert Pritz – Vice President
- Tim Adcock – Treasurer
- Faye Dodson – Secretary
- Brice West – Foundation Advisor

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