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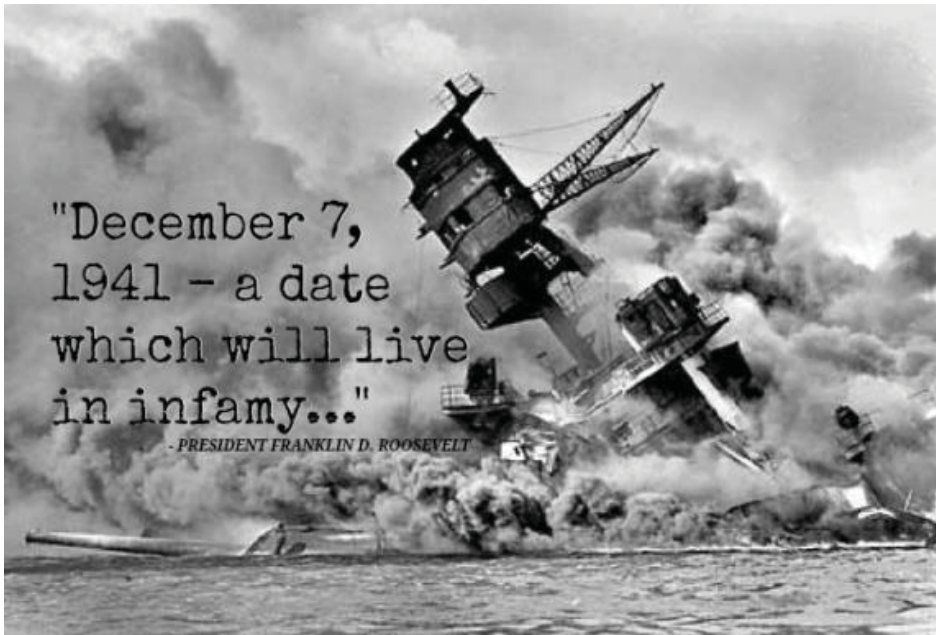
The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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75TH COMMEMORATION OF PEARL HARBOUR: MUSIC OF THE 1940'S ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH



This Wednesday, on the 75th commemoration of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the beginning of the United States' involvement in World War II, we will take a whirlwind tour through the 40's through music.

Bill Hughes, bass, retired from Abilene Christian University, Don Scargall, bass, long time member of Kiwanis Club of Abilene and retired music teacher from AISD and Lora Lynn Christensen, pianist, member of Kiwanis Club of Abilene and adjunct professor at McMurry University will awaken many memories.

The More I See You and Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree will remind us of young people falling in love during a critical time in history. Harbor Lights and Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition will take our minds back to partings and battles. Sentimental Journey and It's Been a Long, Long Time will recall times of loneliness and nostalgia. Other songs will take us into the late 40's when Jingle Jangle Jingle was the largest single country hit of all time.

Invite guests to come. Wear your red, white and blue. Come prepared to sing along with a few numbers and enjoy listening to the rest.



Jay Packer presented the program. His wife Amy was a guest of Russell Berry.



Nancy's grandnephews Mitchell and Jonathan Bradford.



David Bacon led the opening prayer.



Nancy Miller presided over the meeting.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
Weekly Meeting
November 30th, 2016
Abilene Country Club

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Led MeetingNancy Miller
 PrayerDavid Bacon
 Music.....Randy Williams
 PianoJamie Breed
 Pledge..... Donald McDonald
 Guests Gayla Gill
 Cup Money\$39.05
 Bag Money \$12.00 (Marty Anderson)

Key Club



The Early Key Club hosted a Christmas party and invited the AHS Key Club to join. Angela and Amanda took 10 AHS Key Clubbers and we enjoyed a fun day of Christmas song charades, gift exchange, lunch and lots of mingling between the groups.

In our prayers

Remember Rodney and Sherry Weeks. Sherry's sister passed away in November. We also learned that Phit Kaikratoke father passed away on November 29th. Please remember both families during their time of loss.

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

Remember Jarrell Young, Carl and Pat Lockett. Remember Keith Garner, Monroe Nevels, Kimberley Cole's mother, Donna King, and James Shields' wife. Also remember Gordon Dowell and wife Dorothy, Others: Joan, wife of George Knight and Annette Collins, Jeff Goodin, and Kirby Leeson

Guests

Guest.....Member Mitchell and Jonathan BradfordNancy Miller
 Turner Cariker Allison Cariker
 Amy PackerRussell Berry

Program

Christine Curtis-Carr introduced Jay Packer as the speaker on November 30th. We learned that Jay teaches biology at ATEMS High School and has been nominated twice as an outstanding science teacher for Abilene ISD. Jay, President of the Audubon Society, shared how he became interested in birds at the age of 12 when he saw an amazing King Fisher at Kirby Lake. His interest at that young age led to adventures all over the world in search of as many different species of birds as possible. Jay shared incredible photos of not only birds but of mammals captured on camera from around the world.

President Nancy Miller thanked Jay for the delightful 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.

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.

BUG's (Bringing up Grades) Update

Jamie Breed reported that BUG Honor Roll certificates were presented to forty six 3rd, 4th and 5th graders at Reagan Elementary in November. AWESOME!

GUMBALL News

Earl Williams communicated 950 gumball machines are in operation at this time. Of those 263 were read in October. He presented a check in the amount of \$388.80 bringing the total to \$271,142.18!

MEETING CANCELLATION

President Nancy Miller announced we will not meet on Wednesday December 28th.

Club Satellite Corner

Club Satellite will not meet on December 6th. Instead they will join fellow Kiwanians at the Paramount Theater at 6:30 pm on December 13th. Come join the fun!

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

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.

Calendar

- December 13 – Division 35 Council Meeting – 6:30 pm Paramount Theater



Allison Cariker and her father, Turner Cariker.

- December 13 – Club Satellite will join with Division Council at 6:30 at the Paramount Theater
- 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 5 – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon, Bogie's Sandwich Shop, 241 Cypress St, Abilene
- January 21, 2017 – Governor John Sheridan visit to the Big Country Area from 10:00am to 2:00pm Highland Church of Christ, 425 Highland Avenue, Abilene

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)

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

November 2016

Tim Adcock
David Bacon
Russell Berry
Curtis Blackburn
Blue Bodenhamer
Jeff Branch
Jamie Breed
Zach Briley
Lora Lynn Christensen
Roy Cloud
Christine Curtis-Carr

Faye Dodson
Erin Durch
Noe Espinoza
Greg Fortson
Keith Garner
Gayla Gill
William Hoogstra
Mark Hoover
Kelly Jones
Larry Kentz
Richard Kincaid

Cynthia Laster
Melvin Martin
Donald McDonald
Nancy Miller
Yelithza Morales
Monroe Nevels
Clinton Nix
Don Paige
Gary Poynor
Kenneth Poynor
Jack Rentz

Randy Roewe
William A Smith
Becky Spargo
Earl Williams
Randy Williams
Kyle Wiskow
Mark Young
Twyla Young

SPIRITUAL AIMS

Randy Williams



I was watching a video the other day about the issue of “stolen valor”. Stolen Valor is when people act as though they are or were in the military. For someone who has served our country, it does not take long to expose these individual by asking questions about their uniform or where they served. I often wonder what drives someone to doing this. Everyone who desires recognition so much that they are willing to falsify who they are in order to gain undeserved praise. But to distinguish one’s self, it takes dedication and sacrifice. In this world the desire for more privilege and greater admiration is tempting. But God would have us know that this is not His way. In His Kingdom, the road to honor is the path of humility. As we walk this path of life, we should be focused on others. In fact, we should be helping others to get ahead. Don’t demand the best position; be willing to go last. Seems I recall a scripture in the Bible that says, “He who is first shall be last and he who last shall be first”. The path of humility may mean doing work no one else wants, jobs that earn no reward, duties that seem beneath you. But as we walk on the road God has placed us on, leaving behind our desire for attention, God will applaud us. I have never observed someone that I considered to be a “true hero”, be boastful or even commenting on their bravery or sacrifice. One of our fellow Kiwanians, Jeff Goodin, is a “true hero” but you will never hear those words come out of his mouth. Many of our law enforcement officers are “true heroes” but they will

respond to such comments by saying, “I was just doing my job”. “Stolen Valor” is a sad behavior that speaks to the character or lack of character for those who seek honor that is unearned and not deserved. We are challenged to let go of our pride and let God cheer us on or He will appoint others, like Keith Garner, to tell of our acts of heroism. After all, that is how Jesus lived. When you humble yourself before God, He promises to “lift you up”. Our prayer should be Philippians 2:1-18, “Lord, lead me on your humble path to heavenly honor”. If you want to “Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time” then walk humbly and lift up those who truly deserve admiration and honor. In so doing, you just may be following the leading of God.

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
 Model Club Members: 2
 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

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- Dennis Laster – President Elect
- 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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| Two Year: | One Year: |
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