

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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SOUNDWAVE HANDBELL CHOIR OF AISD ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH



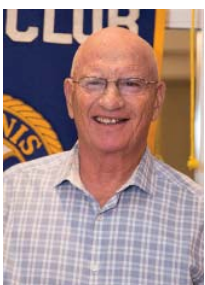
Originally named the Woodson Handbell Choir and later "Abilene Gold," the Soundwave Handbell Choir offers a unique experience for special education students in AISD. Using an adaptive music notation method developed by the founding director, Letha McGrew, the handbells have been performing both locally and nationally since 1978. Comprised of students from both Abilene High and Cooper High Schools, Soundwave continues to entertain as they perform for area schools, retirement centers, hospitals, churches, civic organizations, and

community events. This successful program flourishes due to the devotion and caring of its former directors, Letha McGrew and Cathy Taylor. The 2015-2016 school year brought the program's third director, Eric Logan.

An Abilene native, Eric is a graduate of Cooper High School and Hardin-Simmons University where he was active in both music and theatre, receiving his Bachelor of Arts in Music Business in 1994. The sole proprietor of eMotion Entertainment, a music disc jockey enterprise, Eric has provided music for hundreds of weddings, school functions, corporate events, and most recently the 2016 Cajun Fest. Eric and Matt LaSeur comprise the popular music duo, AKA and perform a wide range of music around Abilene and Texas. Eric also performs regularly as a solo act and has provided entertainment for our own Pancake Day.



To learn more about Soundwave and their performance schedule, visit their Facebook page, Soundwave Handbell Choir.



Roy Dent led the opening prayer.



David Jones led the singing.



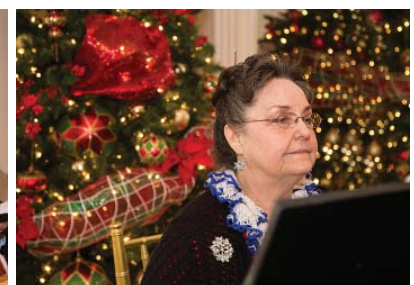
Russell Berry introduced our guests.



Bill Hughes presented the program.



Don Scargall presented the program.



Lora Lynn Christensen presented the program.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
Weekly Meeting
December 7th, 2016
Abilene Country Club

Led MeetingNancy Miller
 PrayerRoy Dent
 Music.....David Jones
 PianoCynthia Laster
 Pledge..... Roy Cloud
 GuestsRussell Berry
 Cup Money\$41.00
 Bag Money \$10.00 (Kimberley Cole)

In our prayers

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
 Ann ScargallDon Scargall
 Lori Owen.....Don Scargall
 Mark OwenDon Scargall
 Elaine Kirkpatrick.....Charles Kirkpatrick

Program

Lora Lynn Christensen introduced Bill Hughes and our own Don Scargall as the program on December 7th. Bill, known by many in the audience, reminded us that December 7th is the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The surprise attack was on a Sunday. The following day, our president declared war. Music played a vital role as a morale booster in this war just as it did during World War I. Some of those songs from World War I came back, others were new songs and were written as propaganda to boost morale. Bill and Don about some of the songs, and the audience sang along on some of the songs. Some songs stood the test of time, some increased in popularity and remain with us today while others were forgotten.

Group songs led by Don were: The More I See You, Don't Sit under the Apple Tree, and Praise the Lord & Pass the Ammunition!

Bill shared the background of a song titled "I'll Get By" then sang it for the audience. In addition, he sang Harbor Lights, and In My Dreams (I'll Be Home for Christmas).



Mark and Lori Owens and Ann Scargall were guests of Don Scargall.

We learned a great deal from Don as he shared memories and asked the group to join in on Sentimental Journey, It's Been a Long, Long Time and Chattanooga Choo Choo. The closing tune was Jingle Jangle Jingle played by Lora Lynn who accompanied Don and Bill for this delightful program.

President Nancy Miller thanked Bill and Don for the wonderful 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.

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
- 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



Elaine Kirkpatrick was a guest of Charles Kirkpatrick.

- 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.



Are you stressing out already? I found it amazing for some students that are in law school, the school is giving its law students coloring books, some are giving play-doh, some are providing service dogs, and some even provide ponies so the students can handle stress. Over the years there were many times I didn't get things my way, and at no time did I ever get a coloring book, much less a pony! But on the things we worried about, I remember what Paul wrote in Philippians "I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

Whether it is getting a ramp built, getting ready for Pancake Day, or taking care of things to make sure a convention is put on smoothly, coloring books, playdoh, service dogs or a pony may help you calm down, but they won't solve your problem. Give it to God, and He will walk with you and assist you in your troubles. Remember the serenity prayer "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference." Praying you have a wonderful and blessed Christmas season.

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.

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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

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