

# KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST



By member request, we will be showcasing our own club talent this week. Performing for you will be Don Scargall; David Jones with Faye Dodson and Jamie Breed; Ken Poyner with Doug Worthington, Dave Herd, and Roy Dent; Brandon & Christine Carr; Lora Lynn Christensen; Randy Williams & Kristen Pierce. You will hear a variety of Christmas music sure to warm the memories of your heart. This is a great week to bring a guest. School is out so students and faculty alike can come. Dress in Christmas attire and come prepared to have a good time!



Rodney Weeks led the opening prayer.



Curtis Blackburn introduced the guests.



Earl Williams gave a gumball report.



Jamie Breed introduced the program.



Zach Briley decked out in "gay apparel".



Chris Carnohan and Ken Poyner join in song.

**KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE**  
**Weekly Meeting**  
**December 14th, 2016**  
**Abilene Country Club**

Led Meeting .....	Nancy Miller
Prayer .....	Rodney Weeks
Music.....	David Jones
Piano .....	Cynthia Laster
Pledge.....	Earl Williams
Guests.....	Curtis Blackburn
Cup Money .....	\$55.81
Brag Money .....	\$12.00 (Robert Pritz)

**In our prayers**

Kelly Jones and family. Kelly’s wife Ellen passed away on Wednesday December 14th. Graveside service will be Monday, December 19th, at 11:00 am at Texas State Veterans Cemetery on the east side of FM600

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
Peggy Noack .....	Randy Williams
Deanna Kentz .....	Larry Kentz

**Program**

Lt. Governor Jamie Breed introduced the Soundwave Handbell Choir of AISD, directed by Eric Logan as the program on December 14th. Soundwave was originally formed as the Woodson Handbell Choir in 1978. The talented choir began the program with “Noel, Noel” and played several beautiful Christmas songs including a Christmas medley that included Joy to the World, and Hark the Herald Angels Sing. Eric communicated the choir had performed 17 programs since City Sidewalks on November 29th. He explained how the students learn to play the hand bells stating it was a lot to keep up with. At the conclusion of the program, Jamie Breed presented a check in the amount of \$75.00 and expressed 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!



Deanne Kentz was a guest of Larry Kentz.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MEETING CANCELLATION**

We will not meet on Wednesday December 28th.

**Gumball Report**

King Earl Williams reported presented a check in the amount of 294.12 for the month of November. The money was from a reading of 235 machines, bringing the grand total to \$271,436.30. There are 948 machines in operation at this time! WOW!

**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.

**Club Satellite Corner**

Club Satellite continues to collect 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.

## Key Club



The Key Club had their Christmas party on Wednesday. They have been gathering coats donated by other students and teachers to give to students who need them at AHS. Several Kiwanians donated, as well! Then at their party, they wrote encouraging notes to slip inside the coat pockets before giving them away. We are growing some incredible future leaders!

## Club Directory

2016-2017 Kiwanis Directory is now available



Peggy Noack was a guest of Randy Williams.

online. The directory is password protected. Contact Club Secretary, Faye Dodson or Charles Kirkpatrick to obtain log in details.

## Calendar

- December 28 – No Kiwanis Meeting – Celebrate the Christmas Holiday
- January 3 – Club Satellite 6:00pm Martinez Boys and Girls Club
- January 5 – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon, Bogie's Sandwich Shop, 241 Cypress St, Abilene
- January 5 – Division 35 Council Meeting – 6:30 pm at Natural Food Center, 2534 S 7th St
- January 17 and January 31 – District Convention 2017 Planning Meeting – 7:30, The Flipping Egg, 4150 South Danville, Abilene (two meetings in January)
- 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.
- 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.

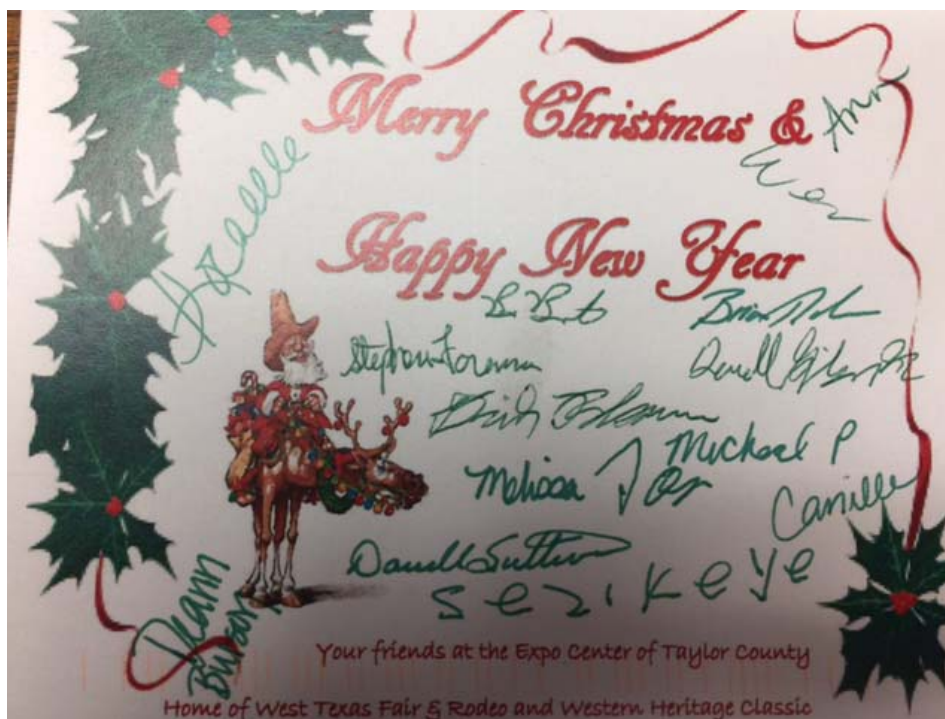
We are in the Christmas Season. We are having parties, and there are great times for all. Well, not really, because there are some in Abilene who can't have a Christmas. Last week my son, Brian, did a gracious act. He is an Abilene police officer and is part of the Abilene Police Department's Blue Santa Program. Officers who are part of the Blue Santa Program take under-privileged children shopping for Christmas presents. Brian took a little girl to Wal-Mart, and she picked out Christmas presents for her mom and for her siblings. As he took her and the presents to her home, she told Brian that she did not have a bed to sleep in at night. After Brian left, he and another officer purchased a complete bed, returned to the child's home, and set it up. The smile on that child's face was from ear to ear. That is the true meaning of Christmas.

A few weeks ago I was on the receiving end of such a gift. I was having a bad day. It was extremely difficult, and I was feeling sick, which in turn made it harder for me to breathe, which then caused me to panic more. That day I received a card in the mail. It was just a note, a word of encouragement, from a couple in our own Kiwanis Club. When I read the card, I could tell that the note was from their heart. Now, there is no way they could know I was in need of help that day, and even after thanking them for the beautiful card, they still could not know how much that meant to me. Their gift was from their heart! I feel sure that you have been on the receiving end of such gifts.

Two thousand years ago a Child was born, a Gift, to bring salvation and redemption to all. We may not deserve it, and we cannot pay the price. That doesn't matter; it's a gift. There are many people in Abilene who don't know of that Gift. And now you may be telling me that you don't know how to tell someone of that Gift. It's easy! You just show God's love, by assisting someone in need, or by sending a card, or by giving someone a loving hug. I can tell you that there is someone out there who needs your help. I don't know who it is, I don't know where they are, and I don't know when they will appear. But when you show God's love, you, just like the little girl and me, will know that it is a powerful gift.

As we celebrate this Christmas Season enjoying parties, family, and friends, I am remembering the Christmas carol, "Joy to the World," and the verse, "Let every heart prepare Him room." As we go out, not only during this Christmas Season, but in all of next year, let us bring "JOY to the World", even if it is to only one child at a time.

Have A Very Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year?



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

### 2016-2017 DIRECTORS

<b>Two Year:</b>	<b>One Year:</b>
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Randy Roewe, Chair of Boys and Girls Committee  
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Dear Kiwanians:

Thank you so much for the Club's \$500 sponsorship of Harmony Family Services' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner! It was a wonderful evening of reconnecting with many who had either benefitted from our services or helped to provide those services over the past 50 years. It was so heartwarming to see some of those who resided in the Abilene Girls Home as teens reconnect with their former house parents from 20, 30 and even 40 years ago! It was also a special time of celebrating with our faithful supporters and even making some new friends for the agency. In addition to our hilarious and inspiring guest speaker, Jenny Broughton, City Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem Anthony Williams presented a lovely framed proclamation that recognized Harmony for 50 years of service and proclaimed November 5, 2016 as Harmony Family Services Day!

Thank you again, Kiwanians, for your faithful support through the years and for helping to provide this wonderful evening of celebration for our agency's children, foster families and exes.

Sincerely,

Jamie Breed  
Executive Director



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