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ANNALIESE SCOGGIN: TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE
ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4TH



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KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting

December 21st, 2016

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting	Nancy Miller
Prayer	Greg Fortson
Music.....	David Jones
Piano	Cynthia Laster
Pledge.....	Randy Williams
Guests.....	Faye Dodson
Cup Money	\$44.71
Brag Money	\$17.00 (Kyle Wiskow)

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, 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
Gaye Lynn Williams.....	Randy Williams
Kristen Pierce	Randy Williams
Beverly Gill	Gayla Gill
Royce & Kathy Curtis	Christine Curtis-Carr
Cheryl Lucas	Guy Lucas
Haley Lucas.....	Guy Lucas
Doug Worthington	Ken Poynor
Dave Herd	Ken Poynor

Program

The program on December 21st was a wonderful time filled with sounds of Christmas! We were entertained by several fellow Kiwanians who shared their musical talents with the audience. The program was introduced by Randy Williams and those participating were:

Don Scargall "Gesu Bambino, The Infant Jesus, accompanied by Lora Lynn Christensen.

Lora Lynn then performed a delightful Christmas Medley on the piano that included Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Christmas Caroling, God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman and more.

David Jones, playing the guitar was joined by Faye Dodson and Jamie Breed for City Sidewalks

Ken Poynor, Roy Dent, David Herd and Doug Worthington blended their voices with a song titled "Christmas Song" but known by most of us as "Chestnut Roasting on an Open Fire".

We thoroughly enjoyed the husband/wife presentation by Christine Curtis-Carr on the piano and Brandon Carr playing the guitar as he sang "Home for the Holidays".

Randy Williams and daughter Kristen Pierce did a wonderful job as they sang a lovely new song titled "We will Bow Down and Worship Him".

Randy closed out the program by sharing a poem "Santa vs Jesus"

A big thanks to each performer for an outstanding program.

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.

Club Satellite Corner

Club Satellite will meet Tuesday, January 3rd, at the Martinez Boys & Girls club. Our speakers will be Amanda & Kyle Wiskow who will share some of their adventures this past summer.

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. Thank you for your continued support!

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 online. The directory is password protected. Contact

Club Secretary, Faye Dodson or Charles Kirkpatrick to obtain log in details.

Calendar

- 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.

SPIRITUAL AIMS

There has always been a certain excitement about the beginning of a new year for many people. It is a time when we often pledge ourselves to do better in many areas of our individual lives. It is a time when we can reflect on where we are in the various aspects of our lives. And to help us evaluate where we are, how we are doing, and set goals for where we would like to be there is an abundance of self-help and how-to advisors, experts, and gurus at our finger tips by merely typing in a search bar the topic of what you want to improve. We can no longer use the excuse that we don't know how to "do better" because of a lack of sound advice or methodology. There is no shortage of coaches or sound improvement advice. But as in any endeavor, the will to improve has to come from within.

One of the major differences between humanity and other living creatures is the notion of the will. The difference between the professional and the amateur is not of degree but of kind. And the difference of kind is mostly a matter of individual will and of aptitude. So what can we do about our will to do things that move us out of our comfort zone? Behavioral scientists have determined that not everyone is motivated by the same things nor do we all have the same aptitudes. Each of us has our own purpose and it is this purpose which requires our own unique aptitudes and our will to achieve it that is the key to success, to achievement, and to the pursuit of happiness for each of us.

Christian theology teaches us that God has a purpose for each of us and it is that purpose which is in our DNA and which is the key to our will, to what motivates us. Rick Warren's "The Purpose Driven Life" is an excellent guide to understanding our individual purpose. Even when we are retired, we have a purpose whether we understand it or not. And moving toward fulfilling our individual purpose is the source of a great deal of satisfaction in our pursuit of happiness in all phases of life.

"BLUE" BODENHAMER

KIWANIS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2016!



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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