

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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CHEIF MELVIN MARTIN: WHEN TWO WORLDS COLLIDE ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11TH



Chief Melvin Martin (RET) will present "When Two Worlds Collide." One world representing what's good in our life and the other world representing the evils of our life. Chief Martin will speak about three major eras of time over his 40 year career which have brought these two worlds closer together. He will also discuss certain types of crimes that bring these two worlds clashing together.



Gary Poynor led the singing.



Robert Pritz introduced the program.



Analiese Scoggins presented the program.



Dick Andrews was a guest of Guy Lucas.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

January 4th, 2017

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting	Nancy Miller
Prayer	Curtis Blackburn
Music.....	Ken Poynor
Piano	Tim Adcock
Pledge.....	Cynthia Laster
Guests.....	Dennis Laster
Cup Money	\$39.50
Brag Money	\$14.00

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
Becky Rentz	Jack Rentz
Dick Andrews.....	Guy Lucas

Program

Robert Pritz introduced Annaliese Scoggin as the speaker on January 4th. Annaliese, an Abilene native, works for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as a wildlife biologist. Annaliese communicated that her job varies greatly and is three fold as she serves Taylor, Nolan, Mitchell and Howard counties. She helps monitor our wildlife population particularly game species, through surveys and research. She works with landowners, advising them on wildlife management and helping them with different programs. The third aspect of her job is education, through speaking at group events such as Kiwanis or by hosting week long wildlife camps for high school students.

Annaliese shared that most of her work centered around game animals because that is what folks are interested in and that is what brings in the money.

She spoke about permit programs for specific types of animals. About half of the landowners the department works with call for this type program. There are lots of advantages to the landowners in helping them manage their deer herd for example.

We learned about the landowner funding program which is a reimbursement program. It is focused on a sub set of species called species of greatest conservation need. This includes grassland species



Becky Rentz was a guest of Jack Rentz.

like the Texas horned lizard.

In summary, Annaliese shared, everything points back to habitat management, which is managing land to benefit wildlife. It helps to understand factors that shape specific habitats.

President Nancy Miller thanked Annaliese for the informative program and communicated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation which funds scholarships for high school students.

A big thanks to each performer for an outstanding program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION RENEWAL

It is time to renew Criminal Background checks for all members. The CBI form is included in this Kiwanigram issue. Please submit the completed form (see form included in this issue of the Kiwanigram) at any club meeting or mail to the Kiwanis office at 473 Cypress Street, Suite 107, Abilene TX 79601. There was some confusion regarding page 2 during the meeting on 1/4/2017. Since we do not mail the forms now that page is no longer necessary. Members may also file online at: <http://txokkiwanis.org/forms-and-reports/> and select Background Check Form. For those who file online, payment by credit/debit card at the time of filing is required. Thanks to each of you who submitted the completed form on the 4th! Contact Club Secretary, Faye Dodson if you have any questions.

Opportunities To Serve

WEST TEXAS REHAB PHONATHON:

Volunteers are needed January 18th and 19th. Contact Don Paige for more information and to sign up.

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.

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.



Kelly Jones and Bill Hoogstra presenting P. P. Kaikratoke with her Walter Zeller Award.

Calendar

- January 12 – 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
- February 2 – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon, Bogie's Sandwich Shop, 241 Cypress St, Abilene
- February 7 – Club Satellite 6:00pm Martinez Boys and Girls Club, 1301 Clinton Street, Abilene
- April 29 – PANCAKE DAY!

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

"BLUE" BODENHAMER

The excitement of a new year is still fresh in our minds. Some polls indicate almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of Americans think 2017 will be better than 2016. Many market experts have forecast the investment market will improve at least 15% and as I write this article, the Dow is flirting with 20,000, a level which seemed unreachable only a few years ago. Yet at the same time, more than 95 million Americans are still unemployed and 46% of working Americans say they are underemployed. A jury in Columbia SC is deliberating the punishment phase of Dylann Storm Roof, a 22 year old white supremacist who killed 9 black members of a Bible study group now known as the Charleston church massacre in the expressed hope of igniting a race war in June 2015. And within the past week four black youths aged 18-22 from Chicagoland posted a horrific live Facebook hate crime against a disabled 18 year old white youth, supposedly a friend of one of the black youth, a crime labeled the "new normal" by the former Chicago Chief of Police, Garry McCarthy. Today the Ft. Lauderdale Airport is locked down as a consequence of a mass murder where at least 5 innocent vacationers were shot in the head and 8 more wounded by a man named Esteban Santiago.

Is this the "new normal"? If it is and it is not acceptable to the majority of us who remember a more tranquil America, then what are we to do? The list of challenges we as Americans face to our "American way of life" are too long to enumerate here. But we have some idea of them. If you don't, simply turn on the news program of your choice.

I submit the root problem is spiritual. It goes back to the hypothetical question raised by Cain as recorded by Moses in Genesis 4:9, "Am I my brother's keeper?" It turns out we are. All of us. And until being our "brother's keeper" becomes the new normal, we can expect the continued slide into the abyss of anarchy, hate crimes, and horrific acts of the slaughter of innocents at home and abroad. "The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it." -Genesis 4:6-7



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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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

2016-2017 DIRECTORS

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| Two Year: | One Year: |
| Larry Kentz | Joe Kimble |
| Al Morotini | Carl Lockett |
| Gary Poynor | Julie Wagner |
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APPLICATION FOR A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION (CBI)

Kiwanis Club of: Abilene Key Number: K00403

Club Secretary: Faye Dodson Division: 35

Mailing Address: 473 Cypress St Suite 107

City, State, Zip: Abilene TX 79601

Email: kiwanis@abilenekiwanis.org Telephone: 325-673-1341

Name of individual requesting CBI:

_____ Last name _____ First name _____ MI _____

Nickname(s): _____

Social Security Number: _____
(Required)

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Gender: M / F
(Please Circle)

Race: Anglo, African Am., Am. Indian, Asian, Hispanic, Other: _____
(Please circle as appropriate) (Please Specify)

Address: _____
Street Apt

_____ City State Zip Code

Driver's License Number: _____ State of issue: _____

City of Birth: _____ State of Birth: _____

Telephone number where you can best be reached: _____

I hereby certify that the information provided above is true, correct, and complete.

Signature of person requesting CBI: _____

Date signed: _____

Information provided on this form is for the sole purpose of obtaining results of a Criminal Background Investigation for the Texas-Oklahoma District of Kiwanis International. Investigation results will be maintained at the Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis District Office and will not be disseminated to individuals or clubs other than a one word result: favorable or unfavorable. All information provided on this sheet will be destroyed (shredded) once the report is received. The only information retained at the District Office (for 2 years) will be the signed consent form.