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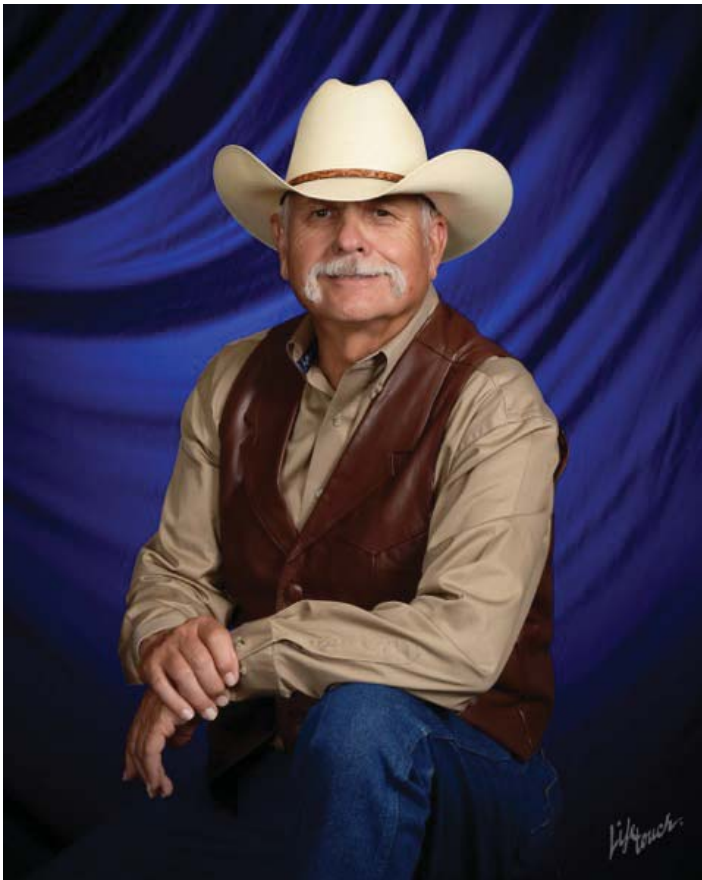
The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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GEORGE NEWMAN: COWBOY POETRY AND LORE ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18TH



Dr. George Newman is a retired educator, County Judge for Taylor County, and a rancher. Dr. Newman was raised in Las Cruces, New Mexico where he was a top-ranked tennis player. He attended New Mexico State University before transferring to Baylor University where he received B.S. and M.S. degrees in Biology. He earned the Ph.D. degree in Wildlife Biology at Texas A&M University in 1975. He served as Professor of Biology at Hardin-Simmons university for 25 years, until 1992. Due to his many and varied interests and experiences, he is in great demand as a speaker for civic and professional organizations and at conferences throughout the state.

Dr. Newman's family was among the early settlers in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. In keeping with his family's ranching heritage, George operated the 18,000-acre Bullhead Ranch from 1975 until 2000, a ranch co-owned by George and his sister Jo Ann Kloppenburg and once owned by their great-grandfather John Cowden. His involvement in ranching led George to an interest in cowboy history and customs. In today's presentation, George will give us a sampling of the day to day life of a cowboy as well

as entertaining us with cowboy poetry and humor.

Dr. Newman is married to Carolyn, a retired AISD music teacher who is well-known in Abilene for her annual patriotic music program at Dyess Elementary School. George and Carolyn have two children; Jason and Laura. They have also been blessed with six grandchildren.



Randy Roewe led the opening prayer.



Melvin Martin presented the program.



John Neese was a guest of Jeff Goodin.



Brian Campbell was a guest of Greg Fortson.



Nancy Baker and Gail Jay were part of an Interclub from Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene.



Gary Heslep was a guest of Randy Roewe.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

January 11th, 2017

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting	Nancy Miller
Prayer	Randy Roewe
Music.....	Ken Poynor
Piano	Tim Adcock
Pledge.....	Kelly Jones
Guests.....	Bill Hoogstra
Cup Money	\$48.01
Brag Money	\$5.00 (Cynthia Laster)

In our prayers

Marellie Robinson's husband Dick was recently diagnosed with lung/liver cancer. Remember them in prayer as they walk through this challenging time. Marellie is the Tx-Ok District Meeting Coordinator and working with us now as we plan for the District Convention to be held in Abilene this August.

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
Dub Harrison.....	Jeff Goodin
Farien Hassen.....	Jeff Goodin
John Neese	Jeff Goodin
Brian Campbell.....	Greg Fortson
Gary Heslep	Randy Roewe

Interclub from Greater Abilene: Gail Jay, Gary Jay, Nancy Baker and David McCaghren

Program

It was so very good to see Jeff Goodin at Kiwanis on January 11th. President Nancy Miller shared that Jeff served as President the year she joined Kiwanis! Jeff introduced Immediate Past Lt. Governor, Chief Melvin Martin as the speaker for the day. The title of Melvin's presentation was "When Two Worlds Collide". He reminded the audience of Judge Paul Rotenberry's presentation about one year ago when he talked about the increase in cases of people on Meth. The concept, two worlds colliding, the good and the bad, as it relates to crime is eye opening. Crimes like gambling are considered victimless crime. Most of the time, these people do not have criminal history but all of a sudden, life changes and others



Lieutenant Governor Jamie Breed presents the immediate past Lieutenant Governor Melvin Martin with a lifetime membership into the Kiwanis Texas Oklahoma District Past Lieutenant Governor's Association. The presentation was made on January 12 at the Division 35 council meeting.

are affected, the walls come tumbling down. Sexual crimes can also fall into this category. He shared a few situations that drove home the concept, a perceived "good person" falling into sexual crime.

He attempted to show how over a 40 year period, these two worlds have grown closer together. Forty years ago we didn't necessarily know anyone in the criminal world, those involved in sexual crime or drugs. He talked about 3 eras of time.

About 1970 for Abilene it was marijuana. All drugs have their culture. This period of time, while it was recognized with Woodstock and a romantic period of time, it was a turning point for the country. What is not talked about is that this is the beginning of the drug culture in the white community. For Abilene, it started in Rose Park. It impacted police, family, education and the community. Now we had crime to keep up the habit or marijuana. Marijuana then was nothing compared to today.

1980 and early 90's crack cocaine entered the scene. Gangs and increased violence were part of the picture. Gangster Rap music became popular. The police department and school relationship were invaluable to this community.

Today we see a decrease in violence in Abilene and even in New York, but not in Chicago where crack and heroine are running rampant.

1990's Meth entered the scene and is eating us up!

Meth is the most addictive drug we have seen and drives a violent culture. For a meth addict, everything is about today, you don't trust anyone and most all users are survival dealers.

Melvin shared stories that would break your heart. He closed by stating Kiwanis is Good, vs Meth is evil. It is important that we be better informed and know what we are dealing with. These two worlds today are so much closer than they were. That's why it is so important that we be prepared when we come in contact-- when two worlds collide.

President Nancy Miller thanked Melvin for this important program and his dedication to the community. She communicated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in his honor which funds scholarships for high school students.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene

The 61st Annual Chili Day & Silent Auction is Saturday, February 25, 2017 11 am to 7 pm at the Abilene Civic Center. All you can eat! Tacos, cobbler and Ice cream are also available for an additional

price. Admission is: \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door or 10 tickets for \$50. Carry out meals are also available.

Tickets are available from Bobbi Bieberly, Gail Jay, Nancy Baker or any Greater Abilene member. Call or text 325.669-8603.

Opportunities To Serve

WEST TEXAS REHAB PHONATHON:

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

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.

Key Club



Rylan Shewmaker, Key Club Lieutenant Governor, spoke at the January board meeting. She told the board about her desire to create a new Key Club at Cooper High School. After a little discussion, the board approved her request. Key Club is growing in Abilene!

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.

Calendar

- 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
- February 9 – Division 35 Council Meeting – 6:30 pm at Natural Food Center, 2534 S 7th St
- February 25 – Greater Abilene Chili Day – Abilene Civic Center 11:00am to 7:00pm
- April 29 – PANCAKE DAY!
- July 13-16th – 102nd Kiwanis International Convention, Paris, France
- August 3-5th Texas-Oklahoma 2017 District Convention, Abilene – Make Plans Now to Attend!

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

Along with setting new year's goals, it is a good practice for everyone is to evaluate what activities we do on a daily basis and how much time we spend on each activity. The idea behind this introspection is to increase the time we spend on productive activity and decrease the amount of time we spend on unproductive activity. My own experience is that we would be well advised to place this process within the broader context of joy. We can order our lives to the point that we are totally efficient but miserable at the same time.

A number of years ago, I happened to stumble upon a PBS program which featured the writer/philosopher Joseph Campbell. While I did not subscribe to every thought Mr. Campbell eschewed, I vividly remember the cardinal message at the core of his theory of reality, "Follow Your Bliss." This is a profound axiom but not without some risks. It must be practiced within the context of a world view which subscribes to the belief in a Supreme Being and that there are absolutes of good and evil. It also helps to understand our natural gifts.

The Bible is thought of, especially, by those who are unfamiliar with it's teachings as a rulebook set down by a bunch of long-bearded old men whose aim in life is to squelch any idea of having fun. But upon closer inspection, we find nothing could be further from the truth. For example, the word "love" appears almost 500 times, more than the words "sin" or "death". The word "joy" is also a dominant theme. Nehemiah 8:10 tells us that the "Joy of Lord is your strength." So when we consider Joseph Campbell's core message within the context of a Judeo-Christian worldview, life makes a great deal of sense even at a time of seemingly accelerating chaos. Follow your bliss, but remember the Joy of the Lord is your strength.

"BLUE" BODENHAMER

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
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- Brice West – Foundation Advisor

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January 5, 2017

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your donation to the 2017 Abilene High-Cooper Livestock Show. Your donation designates you as a gold sponsor. Without the help of people such as you, this show would not be possible. You are helping support one of the greatest youth organizations in America. Our show will be January 7, 2017 at the AISD School Farm. Come see our students exhibit their projects. We would love to have you there.

Your interest and support of our organization is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Kay Richards
Abilene High FFA Advisor

