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DARLA HARMON, E.D. : CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ARTS  
ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST



Darla Harmon is a graduate of Baylor University with a Bachelor's Degree in Art History and Museum Studies. She was born and raised in Eastland, Texas where she was inspired by the beauty of art through a thorough reading of the Encyclopedia! She has been a museum professional working in the industry since 1984. She has dedicated her career to a profession that she believes makes a difference to the world and the people that inhabit it. Her belief embraces totally the CCA's Mission Statement "to provide enriching and educational experiences for the region's communities through the promotion and support of artists."



Julie Wagner led the opening prayer.



Russell Berry introduced the program.



John Riggins presented the program.



George Woodfin and Roma Howard were guests this week.



Grady Jolly was the guest of David Jolly.

# KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

January 25th, 2017

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting .....	Nancy Miller
Prayer .....	Julie Wagner
Music.....	Ken Poynor
Piano .....	Tim Adcock
Pledge.....	Rodney Weeks
Guests.....	Guinn Smith
Cup Money .....	\$38.00
Brag Money .....	\$4.00 (Kimberley Cole)

## In our prayers

The family of Rodney Weeks. Rodney died unexpectedly on Thursday January 26th. At the time of this writing, services are pending with North's Funeral Home.

Royce Manning as he recuperates from double knee replacement surgery.

Roy Cloud's wife Jeannette who was hospitalized due to an infection.

Charles Ellis' mother who had a stroke and is in hospice care.

Carl Lockett's sister who is in hospice care

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. Mark reported during the Big Country Governor's visit that Vicky is much improved and expressed appreciation for the continued 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  
Grady Jolly..... David Jolly  
Greater Abilene Club Members: Gene Linder, George Woodfin and Roma Howard

## Program

Russell Berry introduced John Riggins from the Better Business Bureau as the speaker on January 25th. John is new to Abilene but brings much experience to the Better Business Bureau. He shared some of the

challenging complaints reported and communicated the mission of the Better Business Bureau was to build trust. He stated the BBB web site receives more than 7,000 hits per month. Folks can learn a great deal about other businesses such as how long in business, the letter grade or the company (A – F) and the number of complaints a company has on file. He encouraged folks to look to the BBB as the number one source to research a business before doing business with them. We learned the Abilene Better Business Bureau began in 1969 and was formed through support from Abilene citizens Howard Hughes, Matt Andrews, Joe Hodges and Harold Crawford. Today the bureau receives an average of 300 complaints per year. Those are investigated by the bureau. We learned that complaints are retained for 3 years and that complaints are made for members of the BBB as well as non-members. A good thing to remember when looking up a company on the internet – the Better Business Seal will be “dynamic” (active) and will take the inquiry direct to the Better Business Bureau link if the company is a member of the bureau.

President Nancy Miller thanked John for the program and 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

### ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB

Hello!

I just wanted to let you know that we will be doing some minor parking lot repair here at the Club next week so we will be re-routing traffic slightly. Could you just give your Kiwanis members a heads up so they are looking out for that? Everything should be back to normal the following week.

Please let me know if you have any questions.  
Thank you!

*Amber G Wallace*  
Catering Director  
Abilene Country Club

## 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. Please submit the completed form at any club meeting or mail to the Kiwanis office at 473 Cypress Street, Suite 107, Abilene TX 79601. More than 60 of you have turned the forms in already which is terrific! Thanks so much. 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. Contact Secretary, Faye Dodson should 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## DIVISION 35 ANNOUNCEMENTS

2017 Tx-Ok District Convention Strategic Planning Meetings are usually scheduled for the last Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be January 31st, at 7:30am at the Flipping Egg, 4150 South Danville.

## Calendar

- January 31 – District Convention 2017 Planning Meeting – 7:30, The Flipping Egg, 4150 South Danville, Abilene (two meetings in January)
- 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. Contact Gayla Gill at [gaylalgill@yahoo.com](mailto:gaylalgill@yahoo.com) for information (information about this fun meeting is also included in this issue of the Kiwanigram.)
- 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!



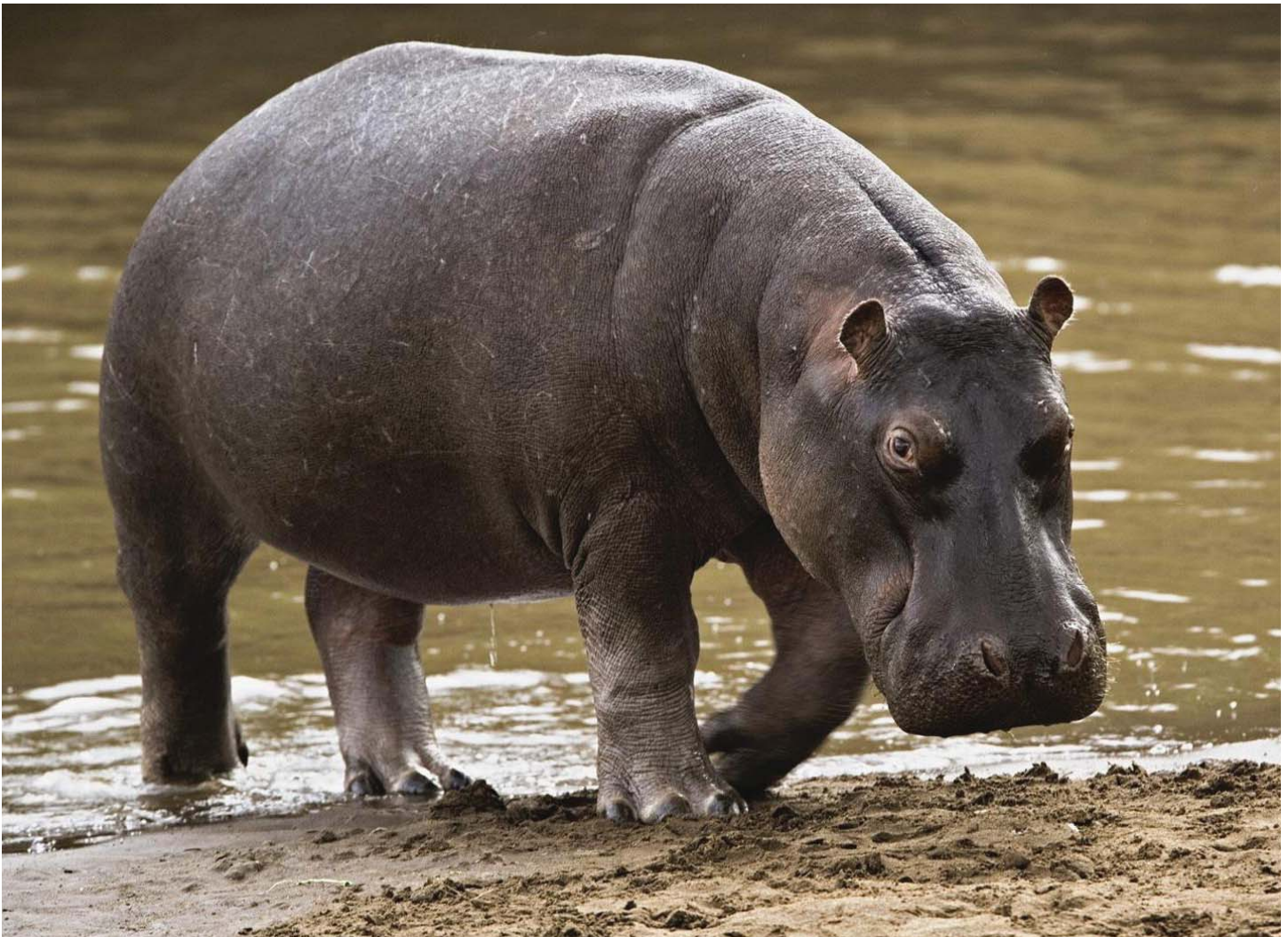
## SPIRITUAL AIMS

MARK YOUNG

One of my favorite obscure historical stories happened in 1910 when America was suffering huge meat shortages due to overgrazing and a huge influx of immigrants. Vegetarians weren't really in then so the demand for meat was even moving Congress to action. Along comes two men with a great plan... import hippos to Louisiana and you would solve two problems, the overgrowth of water hyacinths in the bayou waterways which were so thick they choked out any chance of navigation and you could hypothetically produce a million pounds of succulent hippo meat for the American masses. Congress proposed \$250,000 for this enterprise and the proponents of the bill provided hippo jerky to potential voters, talked about how the hippo brisket was akin to the finest of meats anywhere and asked who wouldn't want these docile gentle creatures roaming the swamps of America, keeping the waterways clean while feeding the masses?

The problem lies in the hippopotamus. Not a docile creature by any stretch of the imagination and consistently leads the most dangerous animal list in Africa killing an average of 500+ people a year. They are filthy in their habits (look it up... be warned, disgusting is too mild of a word) and unpredictable. Fortunately, the bill wasn't passed and hippos didn't make it to America and we were able to avoid the hippo apocalypse. It is a great example of how people can come up with "wise plans" that only lead to pain and heartache. As Christians, trusting in our own ingenuity when it comes to relationships can often lead to our own hippo apocalypse... when we should be placing our faith and hope in the Creator, boldly approaching His throne of grace with confidence He will get us through our trials.

I suspect we don't have to walk much further than a mirror to see the author of most of our problems as we too often depend on our own wisdom instead of our Lord's. No wonder the teacher opines in Proverbs 19:21 Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.





# 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.

### 2016-2017 OFFICERS

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 Gayla Gill – Vice President  
 Robert Pritz – Vice President  
 Tim Adcock – Treasurer  
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 Brice West – Foundation Advisor

### 2016-2017 DIRECTORS

<b>Two Year:</b>	<b>One Year:</b>
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Gary Poynor	Julie Wagner
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## CLUB OF ABILENE

### CLUB SATELLITE



# *February Meeting*



## SPREAD THE

## LOVE

Join us on Tuesday, February 7 at 6:00 pm  
as we spread the love by having a Love  
Note Fest. We will write love notes to children  
who are currently at Hendrick's children's  
hospital. We want them to know that Kiwanians  
care about them!

Paper and markers will be provided.

Feel free to bring a friend and a snack and plenty  
of love to spread 

Martinez Boys & Girls Club \*1301 Clinton St



## LET'S PARTY HEARTY!

