

# KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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## DOUG PETERS: STATE OF THE ABILENE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH



Doug Peters was named President & Chief Executive Officer of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce in October, 2015 and began his duties in November of that same year.

In his role with the Chamber, Doug has responsibility for the implementation of the Chamber's strategic plan, Advantage Abilene, which focuses on economic growth, community engagement and delivering value to its more than 1600 member businesses.

In addition, the Chamber is home to the single-largest association of business in the Big Country, as well as the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council, the

Abilene Industrial Foundation and the Military Affairs Council.

Prior to arriving in Abilene, Doug spent nearly 30 years in similar Chamber of Commerce and economic development roles, including Fayetteville, North Carolina (home to the US Army's Fort Bragg) for eight years; Findlay, Ohio (home to Marathon Petroleum Company) for 10 years; Richmond, Indiana for six years where he helped to lead the number three downtown revitalization project in the country; and Dayton, Ohio (home to Wright Patterson Air Force Base) for six years.

# THE FORMULA



# KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

February 1st, 2017  
Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting .....	Nancy Miller
Prayer .....	Greg Fortson
Music.....	Bobbie Wolfe
Piano .....	Lora Lynn Christensen
Pledge.....	Kelly Jones
Guests.....	Al Morotini
Cup Money .....	\$39.06
Brag Money: .....	\$7.00 (Russell Berry)

## In our prayers

Charles Ellis' mom, Deloris Ellis passed away on Sunday January 29th. Services were held on Wednesday February 1st. Lift up this family in prayer during the coming days.

Continue to pray for the family of Rodney Weeks who died unexpectedly on Friday January 27th. A memorial service was held on Saturday February 4th.

Royce Manning as he recuperates from double knee replacement surgery. Royce is home from the hospital and on the road to recovery.

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

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.

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  
Mickey Hayes (Rejoining as Club Satellite Member)

## Program

Mark Hoover introduced Darla Harmon, Executive Director, of the Center for Contemporary Arts (CCA) where she has served since 2010. Her desire is to make things better for others. Darla shared the history of the CCA and that a new sign was going up today (2/1/2017), after 28 years; it's about time! We learned that Clint Hamilton is responsible for the center being where it is today. Clint was from Abilene. He went to New York and made it big as a window dresser.



Darla Harmon presented the program.

Clint did strange and unusual things compared to traditional window dressers. He gave a one man show to Andy Warhol. And for those who do not recognize the name, Andy Warhol was an American artist who was a leading figure in the visual art movement known as pop art. Clint returned to Abilene and the Center was created to give Clint and local artists a place to hang their work. The Center was first known as the Artist League of Texas and was located above Roberts Studio, downtown Abilene. In 1989, they formed a nonprofit foundation and rented 220 Cypress. Dodge Jones remodeled the space for the Center for Contemporary Arts. Today the Center has a wonderful gallery, strong education program and art outreach into the community. Today the center has more than 100 artist members. The exhibitions are changed out every two months and as a matter of interest, our own Jack Harkins will open a show on March 23rd.

The art outreach program conducted by the Center reaches groups that perhaps others do not want to serve. The CCA has a program for the Juvenile Justice Center and Taylor County Learning Center. She talked about programs at Disability Resources, and the Art Heals Program which was originally developed to help refugee children living in Abilene. From that original program, there is now a program for PTSD survivors.

We learned about the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, and annual Car Show, Art Walk events.

She talked about the Dirty Drawers program and the annual CALF event. The center works hard

to present all programs for free to the community. Darla encouraged listeners to help the Center for Contemporary Arts be better and do more for kids in the community. Visit the center soon at 220 Cypress Street, call 325-677-8389 or check them out on the internet at [www.center-arts.com](http://www.center-arts.com).

President Nancy Miller thanked Darla for the wonderful program and communicated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in her honor which funds scholarships for High School students.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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.

### 2016-2017 Kiwanis Directory

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

### CLUB SATELLITE CORNER

Make plans to attend the Club Satellite meeting this coming Tuesday, February 7th at Martinez Boys and Girls Club, 1301 Clinton St. as the group "Spreads the Love" by writing encouraging notes to children at



Mark Hoover introduced our speaker.

Hendrick Medical Center. What an awesome way to make a difference for children!

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.

4150 South Danville, Abilene

- February 25 – Greater Abilene Chili Day – Abilene Civic Center 11:00am to 7:00pm
- February 28 – District Convention Planning Meeting (DCON) – Flipping Egg, 4150 South Danville 7:30am
- March 2 – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon, Bogie's Sandwich Shop, 241 Cypress St, Abilene
- 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

2017 Tx-Ok District Convention Strategic Planning Meetings are usually scheduled for the last Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be TUESDAY February 14th, at 7:30am at the Flipping Egg, 4150 South Danville. This team is working hard to bring a great convention to Abilene. Be ready to help them as we move closer to the date. The convention will be held August 3rd – August 5th. Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend.

## Calendar

- 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 14 – District Convention 2017 Planning Meeting – 7:30am, The Flipping Egg,

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE JANUARY

Tim Adcock	Kelly Jones
David Bacon	Charles Kirkpatrick
Russell Berry	Ashley Larry
Curtis Blackburn	Cynthia Laster
Blue Bodenhamer	Dennis Laster
Jamie Breed	Carl Lockett
Zach Briley	Amanda Martin
Price Brock	Mary Ann Martin
Chris Carnohan	Melvin Martin
Kristen Carnohan	Donald McDonald
Lora Lynn Christensen	Nancy Miller
Christine Curtis-Carr	Yelithza Morales
Faye Dodson	Al Morotini
Tammi Ellison	Gary Poynor
Greg Fortson	Kenneth Poynor
LaQuiera Gantt	Jack Rentz
Keith Garner	Donald Scargall
Gayla Gill	William A Smith
William Hoogstra	Becky Spargo
Mark Hoover	Earl Williams
David Jones	David Young

## SPIRITUAL AIMS

Next Monday is Valentine's Day! You can ask my sweet Twyla and I am pretty sure she will agree I am quite the romantic! I proposed to her in her garage, have taken her to exotic places on our anniversary such as cemeteries, battle fields, and the occasional family gathering... wait... maybe that disqualifies me as a romantic. Anyway, tomorrow it is estimated 110 million red roses will be given, 145 million Valentine cards sent, 220,000 proposals of marriage will be made, and over a billion dollars of chocolate will be purchased in the U.S. alone! All to pronounce our love to that special person in our life!

We are fortunate that we get to celebrate Valentine's Day every day... with the ultimate giver of love, our Father in Heaven. In the love chapter (1 John 4 – oh I know you thought it was 1 Corinthians 13, which describes love...) John writes this about our Creator, "By this the love of God is revealed in us: that God has sent his one and only Son into the world so that we may live through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins." Now that is a Valentine's present! Redemption, salvation, atonement... even when we didn't deserve it! I don't think roses, chocolate or cards can compete with that gift!

## MARK YOUNG

# 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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 Brice West – Foundation Advisor

### 2016-2017 DIRECTORS

<b>Two Year:</b>	<b>One Year:</b>
Larry Kentz	Joe Kimble
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