

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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PANCAKE TICKET SALES KICKOFF ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8TH



It's that time again...pancake ticket sales kickoff! What a privilege we have to raise money with such a fun event to help the children of our community!
Please join us next week for Cutthroat Kiwanis- you will meet your team leaders, find out the details on tickets and the big day.
Come ready to have fun and sell tickets!



Abilene Zoo Veterinarian, Dr. Stephanie Carle, and Marketing Director Kelly Thompson presented our program.



President Nancy Miller inducted Andre Scott as our newest member. Carl Lockett is Andre's sponsor.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

March 1st, 2017

Abilene Country Club

Led MeetingNancy Miller
PrayerJerry Carter
Music..... Chris Carnohan
PianoJamie Breed
Pledge..... Gayla Gill
Cup Money\$39.90
Brag Money \$12.00 (Bill Hoogstra) (Just a reminder – brags are at a minimum of \$1.00 per brag. Keep them coming!)

In our prayers

Remember Carl Lockett and his family as they grieve the loss of his sister, Bobbie Ruth Nash. Services were held on Friday March 3rd in Plainview, TX.

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

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, Jeannette, wife of Roy Cloud and Kirby Leeson

Remember Mark Young's daughter and the entire Young family as they are going through difficult times.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." I Corinthians 15:58 (KJV)

Program

Keith Garner introduced Dr. Stephanie Carle, Abilene Zoo Veterinarian, as the speaker on March 1st. Stephanie gave a slide presentation and explained the role of a zoo veterinarian, communicating much of her job was preventative medicine. It was interesting to learn of so many aspects to maintain healthy animals. She talked through the process of doing physical exams that included observing animal behavior, checking vitals, doing blood work, giving vaccinations & medications, and even taking x-rays and ultrasounds.

She shared about ongoing projects taking place at the zoo including swan paddle boats, an animal hospital, bird rehab center, jaguar exhibit expansion, updated fishing pier, lesser flamingos and improvements to maintenance facilities.

Ms. Kelly Thompson; Abilene Zoo Marketing and Development Coordinator, closed the program encouraging folks to visit the zoo often, to become

a member and to check out their website at www.abilenezoo.org.

Abilene Zoo Mission: The Abilene Zoo is a place of learning and adventure, where families make memories, share the joy of discovery and become inspired to preserve wildlife.

President Nancy Miller thanked Stephanie and Kelly for the wonderful program and communicated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in their honor that helps fund scholarships for high school students.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION RENEWAL

Many of you have completed your forms but we still have some hanging out there. As you know, it is a requirement by TX-OK District and it is important to wrap this up well before Pancake Day. 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.

NEW MEMBER

Help us welcome Andre Scott as our newest Kiwanis member! As his sponsor, Carl Lockett introduced Andre on March 1st. Andre has 4 children, is married to Kathy and works for Lawrence Hall Chevrolet. Welcome Andre!

CLUB SATELLITE CORNER

Hello Kiwanians!

I hope that you're all having a fantastic week! Our next Club Satellite meeting is Tuesday, March 7th, where Angela Sharp, Executive Director of Big Country CASA will be our speaker. Big Country CASA endeavors to provide valuable volunteer advocacy for every abused child in Taylor County. CASA volunteers serve as the "eyes and ears" for the judge in child welfare cases. This includes researching each child's situation and making objective recommendations to help them reclaim their childhoods from abuse and neglect. CASA volunteers are frequently the

only stable presence in these children's lives as they navigate the foster care system. This allows them to bring a unique perspective to the court case, and their sole objective is representing the best interests of the child.

I've had the opportunity to learn more about Big Country CASA and I know you will all enjoy Angela's presentation! Please remember to invite a friend. See you next Tuesday at 6 pm!

- LaQuiera Gantt

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.

KEY CLUB UPDATE



City councilman and mayoral candidate Anthony Williams spoke to the AHS Key Club on Thursday. He talked to them about leadership and the Abilene community and shared his vision on serving and giving back to Abilene. His main message was that leadership is about service and he gave the students the opportunity to ask questions. The Key Club had a great turnout for his presentation.

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.

TEXAS RAMP PROJECT



Well folks, we completed the Feb 25th ramp. The team was Bill Hoogstra, Randy Roewe, Curtis Blackburn and yours truly (Kelly Jones). The Ramp was completed in about 4 hours. The client was "thrilled" and stated that we have given her back her mobility. Especially note-worthy was the "kitty" funeral and interment conducted by Randy Roewe. Seems a dog had gotten "Gerald", one of the client's cats, and Randy laid him to rest. She was very appreciative. (Not the poor cat...it was definitely a closed casket!)

Our next ramp will be a challenging 40 foot ramp which I am anticipating taking 6 or so hours, depending upon the number of team members showing. The good news is that we will have a group of ACU students helping out. All-in-all, should be a fun way to give up part of a Saturday. We will be loading the trailer Friday afternoon. Please let me know if you plan on helping with loading and/or with the build.

Again, thanks for all you do.

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 28th, 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.

Perfect Attendance: February 2017

Tim Adcock	Larry Kentz
Russell Berry	Charles Kirkpatrick
Curtis Blackburn	Ashley Larry
Blue Bodenhamer	Cynthia Laster
Gary Bomar	Dennis Laster
Jamie Breed	Carl Lockett
Price Brock	Mary Ann Martin
Rob Chastain	Donald McDonald
Lora Lynn Christensen	Nancy Miller
Roy Cloud	Yelithza Morales
Mark Conrad	Don Paige
Christine Curtis-Carr	Gary Poynor
Tammi Ellison	Kenneth Poynor
Greg Fortson	Robert Pritz
LaQuiera Gantt	Randy Roewe
Keith Garner	Donald Scargall
Gayla Gill	William A Smith
Glyn Hammons	Becky Spargo
William Hoogstra	Janis Thompson
Mark Hoover	Earl Williams
David Jones	Amanda Wiskow
Kelly Jones	Bobbie Lee Wolfe

CALENDAR

- March 7 – Club Satellite 6:00pm Martinez Boys and Girls Club, 1301 Clinton Street, Abilene. Contact Gayla Gill at gaylalgill@yahoo.com for information
- March 28 – District Convention Planning Meeting (DCON) – Flipping Egg, 4150 South Danville 7:30am
- April 6 – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon, Bogie's Sandwich Shop, 241 Cypress St, Abilene
- April 13 – Division 35 Council Meeting – 6:30 pm at Natural Food Center, 2534 S 7th St (No meeting in March)
- 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!



THE FORMULA



SPIRITUAL AIMS

Stephanie Hodge

Reading Circle Maker by Mark Batterson and Fervent by Priscilla over the past couple of months has shown me how prayer is changing things in my life. My old college team mate introduced me to Circle Maker a couple of years ago and since then I've been able to notice how important my circle around me is. I find I am able to identify my own personal weaknesses and call up my Savior when I'm not able to reach anyone else. It never fails to amaze me that someone will call me and ask for prayer or check on me so they can keep me in prayer. It is a very powerful force, Even though we as Christians often underestimate the power of prayer, we are also frequently reminded what a powerful force it can be in our lives through difficult circumstances. Prayer for everyone is different - some pray quietly while others have very loud prayers. You have some people who pray for hours kneeling at the side of their bed and others who silently pray in their head as they go throughout the day. You have short prayers, long prayers, individual or group prayers. No matter how different our prayers may seem, there is still power in each unique prayer. The power of prayer does not flow FROM us, it is not in our words or the special way we say them. The power of prayer is not based on our experience or authority. It does not matter if you are kneeling, standing, or simply sitting. The power of prayer comes from the One who hears our prayers and answers, whether they are granted or denied. Prayer places us in contact with God and God is the source of the power of prayer.



ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus



Model Club Goal: \$71,250
 Percent of Goal Met: 79.5%
 Contributions: \$56,636.00
 Zeller Fellows: 33
 Pledged Zellers: 1
 Model Club Members: 2
 Number of lives saved: 31,464 @ \$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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Two Year:	One Year:
Larry Kentz	Joe Kimble
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Gary Poynor	Julie Wagner
Randy Roewe	Amanda Wiskow



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