

# KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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## NANCY MILLER: KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE PRESIDENT ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29TH



Nancy, a native of Bonham, TX, and graduate of Abilene Christian University, retired after working at Christian Homes and Family Services for 40 years, 32 of those years as President of the agency. A Kiwanian since 1987, this is her second term as President of the Abilene Club.

She has also served as Lt. Governor of Division 35, two terms as Lt. Governor of Division 20, and two terms as Governor of the Texas-Oklahoma District.

Come this week to hear an update on our club's accomplishments and what can be ahead for this great club!



# Kiwanis®



Mark Hoover introduced our program.



Lynn Barnett presented the program.



Robert Pritz wrapped up our meeting.

# KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

March 22nd, 2017

## Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting .....Nancy Miller  
Prayer .....Blue Bodenhamer  
Music..... Chris Carnohan  
Piano .....Jamie Breed  
Pledge.....David Bacon  
Cup Money .....\$26.00  
Brag Money ..... \$4.00 (Tammi Ellison)

### In our 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, Jeannette, wife of Roy Cloud and Kirby Leeson. Remember our Military men and women as they serve to protect our families.

### Program

Mark Hoover introduced Lynn Barnett, Executive Director of Abilene Cultural Affairs Council as the speaker on March 29th. Lynn talked to attendees about Abilene being designated as the Story Book Capital of Texas. She provided an update on why we received the designation and shared plans for celebrating during the annual Children's Art and Literature Festival (CALF) coming up June 8 - 10th. She also talked about the coming dedication of the Adamson-Spalding Story Book Garden, located at the Abilene Convention Center.

As the Adamson-Spalding Story Book Garden opens, look forward to Beacon Technology, which will be a free app on cell phones. This tool will enable those visiting the garden to listen to stories represented by the sculptures on display there.

She shared that Abilene was designated as the Story Book Capital of Texas by the Texas State Legislature in June of 2015, thanks to the help from Susan King and Troy Frasier. Three things made this possible; the National Center for Children's Literature (NCCIL), Children's Art Literacy Festival (CALF) and the fact that Abilene has the largest public collection of storybook sculptures in the United States.

Every year the CALF festival coordinates with the NCCIL to bring in illustrators. This year, the featured illustrator is Garth Williams. While we may not recognize his name, we recognize his work from books like Charlotte's Web, Stuart Little, the Little Golden Books, and Little House on the Prairie. This will be another outstanding event for children and the community.

Vice President Robert Pritz thanked Lynn for the informative program and her dedication to Abilene. He communicated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in her honor which helps fund scholarships for high school students.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BUG's Award Time

Bring Up Grades (BUG's) awards will be presented at Reagan Elementary on Monday April 3rd at 12:00 noon and again at 2:40. All Kiwanians are invited to attend and encourage these students who have worked hard during the semester to bring up their grades. This is really a fun time as we celebrate successes with the students. Contact Jamie Breed for more information.

### The Abilene Education Foundation

The Abilene Education Foundation wants to invite all the civic clubs in Abilene to come to the Cajun Fest this year - we would love for your members to wear your club's t-shirts. Entrance to the event is free and there will be live music all day long! AISD Choir groups, Craig MS Jazz Band, Abilene Community Band (perform at noon), Revolution Strings, HSU Cowboy Band, and McMurry/ACU Trumpet Ensemble and so much more.

Additionally, anyone who wishes to give 3 1/2 hours of community service can get a free Cajun Crawfish/Shrimp Meal. Volunteers will need to sign up at the Abilene Education Foundation's Cajun Fest website [www.abilenegoescajun.org](http://www.abilenegoescajun.org) and sign in at the volunteer desk at the Expo Center to be eligible for the meal.

The place to be on April 8, 2017 is the Abilene Expo Center for the AEF Cajun Fest!!!! All proceeds to benefit the students and teachers of Abilene ISD.

### 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 March 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.

## CALENDAR

- April 4 – 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
- 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
- April 25 - District Convention Planning Meeting (DCON) – Flipping Egg, 4150 South Danville 7:30am
- 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!

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## SPIRITUAL AIMS

*Randy Williams*

When Gaye Lynn and I first married, I was working as a Juvenile Probation Officer and she was teaching at Alta Vista Elementary. Our salaries were meager at best but we were happy and in love and, well, you understand. When our first child, Justin, was born in January 1982, Gaye Lynn told me she would finish out the school year but wanted to stay home to raise our children. I was griped with fear. This was not my paradigm. Both my parents worked all my life. I told her, "You know, I only make \$12,000 a year". She looked at me and said, "If we do our best to live as we believe God would have us live, He will take care of us". So, we did, and He did. When we commit our way to God, we allow our thoughts, goals, and lifestyle to be shaped by His will and the things He loves. We sort of acknowledge His right to determine what we want fits His plan. Now, we never got rich, but our needs were always provided for through so many different avenues. God was just taking care of us as he promised. When He is our first love, our hearts become focused on making His glory known in our life. When we live a life dedicated to Him, he wants to give us our heart's desires. But the process of learning to keep our eyes on Him, changes our self-focused wants to acceptance of His purpose in our lives. In 1 Samuel Chapters 17 & 18, we have to imagine that David had to be wondering what God had in mind for him. But he pursued God and became a "man after God's own heart", and we see how God's plan was fulfilled through this imperfect man. 1 Corinthians 2:9 says, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him". When you think about it, that's pretty exciting. If you really want to "Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time", seek God. It's really pretty simple.

# ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus



Model Club Goal: \$71,250  
 Percent of Goal Met: 81.24%  
 Contributions: \$57,886.00  
 Zeller Fellows: 34  
 Pledged Zellers: 3  
 Model Club Members: 2  
 Number of lives saved: 32,159 @ \$1.80 per shot series  
 Amount remaining to Goal: \$13,364 [Amt. equals approx. 11 Zellers]

## Pancake Ticket Sales Update:

### Week Three

Ticket sales are off to a slow start. Let's sell tickets and bring in Silent Auction items. We need your help!

Paula Dean .....	\$160.00
Julia Child .....	\$405.00
Emeril .....	\$555.00
Bobby Flay .....	\$621.00
<b>Total   Week 2 .....</b>	<b>\$1,741.00</b>

Top Salesman – BOBBY FLAY – Price Brock with \$265.00  
 2nd place – EMERIL LAGASSE – Jack Rentz with \$200.00  
 3rd place – EMERIL LAGASSE - Jamie Breed with \$190.00

**Ticket Sales to Date ..... \$3,676.00**  
**We are at least \$7,000.00 behind where we were last year at this time.**

**It's time to sell tickets!**

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Kiwaniis is a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.

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 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

<b>Two Year:</b>	<b>One Year:</b>
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