

# KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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PLEASE.....WHAT IS THE COG????

ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19TH



Dare we say that relatively few Abilenians know anything at all about an entity based right here in Abilene, based just off the Winters Freeway north of Blue Cross Blue Shield complex. It's official name is the West Central Texas Council of Governments; for short "the COG".

The man running the "show" is native to Abilene, graduated from Cooper High School, McMurry University, and received his master's degree from Abilene Christian University. His name will be hard to remember.....Tom Smith.

Tom came back home from a similar position in the Metroplex back in 2007, and assumed the position of Executive Director upon the retirement of former Kiwanis Club of Abilene President Brad Helbert. He had worked here before going to the Metroplex and since returning, has history of employment with the Council for 38 years.

The West Central Texas Council of Governments is a voluntary association of cities, counties, and special districts based in Abilene that provides varied services to the citizens in those areas. Bring a guest to hear Mr. Smith explain and describe some of the functions of the Council.

He and his wife, Marilyn, have three sons and five grandchildren.....and a lot of relatives who live around Abilene, so don't say anything bad about anybody because they'll probably be kin to Tom.



1 - Guinn Smith introduced the program.



Rev. Stan Allcorn presented the program.



Will Smith led the opening prayer.



Bill Hoogstra with guest Mona Lara.

# KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

April 12th, 2017

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting .....	Nancy Miller
Prayer .....	Will Smith
Music.....	Don Scargall
Piano .....	Cynthia Laster
Pledge.....	Guy Lucas
Guests.....	Ken Poynor
Cup Money .....	\$41.00
Brag Money .....	\$13.00 (Randy Roewe)

## 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.

## Guests

Guest.....	Member
Mona Lara .....	Kelly Jones
Kim Mize .....	Gayla Gill
Heidi Nobles.....	Zach Briley

## Program

Guinn Smith introduced Dr. Stan Allcorn, Senior Pastor of Pioneer Drive Baptist Church, as the speaker on April 12th. Dr. Allcorn shared about Easter. He talked about Nicodemus who became a secret silent follower of Jesus Christ. It was Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea who went to Pontius Pilot and asked if they could have Jesus' body. They took His body off the cross and buried him in the tomb. A day later, Nicodemus is searching for the disciples. Would he say to them, that is all He could do? Jesus' story did not end with "that's all you could do." Instead, as made clear by Apostle Paul in I Corinthians 15, the Easter event is the foundation of Christianity. "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless." And if Christ has not been raised, we are still in our sins. He came to be our Savior. Dr. Allcorn quoted Romans 1:4 "Jesus was declared to be the Son of God with power, by the resurrection from the dead." Easter was God's stamp of approval! Easter means Jesus is Lord! Easter means we do not have to fear death anymore! He rendered death powerless. He conquered death! It is not a tragic cry for help but a triumphant shout from a garden where the tomb is empty. Instead, there is a shout, "HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!" Easter means help and hope. The tomb is empty, the bars of death have



Heidi Nobles was a guest of Zach Briley.

been ripped away and the Lord Jesus Christ has set us free from the fear of death! Hallelujah! He is Risen Indeed!

President Nancy Miller thanked Dr. Allcorn for the wonderful program and communicated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in his honor to help fund scholarships for high school students.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

Student recognition meetings are scheduled for May 10th and May 17th. May 10th will be led by Club Satellite members as they recognize Career and Technology Education students. May 17th will also be an exciting time as we honor Valedictorian and Salutatorians from Abilene schools. As is tradition, members are encouraged to sponsor meals for those events. We will be hosts to students, teachers and family members for these meetings. Signup sheets will be available at each meeting prior to the events and you can also let Club Secretary Faye Dodson know the number of meals you can sponsor. Thank you in advance for your part in honoring the accomplishments of these wonderful students.

### 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 April 25th 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.

The Division 35 Prayer Breakfast will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2017 6:45am, at Bobbie & Bernice Wolfe's Barn, 24 Avenida De Silva, Abilene TX 79602. This is a wonderful time of fellowship and all Kiwanians are encouraged to attend. Signup sheets will be on the tables soon. As most of you know this is also the time we recognize the Lay Person of the Year for the Division. Randy Williams announced applications for the club Lay Person of the Year are available and due by April 30th. Contact Randy for more details. Applications are available at the Wednesday meeting and on our website.



Gayla Gill and Kim Mize will be married on April 21st!

## CALENDAR

- April 20 – 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!
- No May Meeting for Club Satellite –instead Club Satellite members will host the Career and Technology Education student meeting on May 10th. Contact Gayla Gill at [gaylalgill@yahoo.com](mailto:gaylalgill@yahoo.com) for information
- May 4 – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon, Bogie's Sandwich Shop, 241 Cypress St, Abilene
- May 25 – Division 35 annual Prayer Breakfast – 6:45am, Bobbie & Bernice Wolfe's Barn, 24 Avenida De Silva, Abilene TX 79602
- 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*



This is the time of year that our school children are taking tests that will help determine their future. When I was in elementary school I really had difficulty reading. They would herd us into the multipurpose room and set us down at the lunch tables and hand out answer sheets with question booklets. Remember the dreaded words “pencils down”? It terrified me. My slow reading always resulted in half the answer sheet being blank. I just knew that the kids around me thought I was stupid. So, I came up with a remedy for my stress: just randomly color in the answer bubbles, put down my pencil, loudly of course, and see the surprised looks on my neighbor’s faces. Now who looked stupid? I believe my test results must have showed that I had the aptitude of a Rhesus Monkey.

It’s crazy, the things we do to appear better and smarter than we really are. How we compare ourselves to the world around us, we think, is critical. If our assessment of that comparison leaves us somehow lacking, we may go to great lengths to appear prettier, more handsome, richer, smarter, etc. etc. etc. And so, here we are, the week after Easter. At a time when, hopefully, we are reminded of how much God loved us that, “He gave His only begotten son, that whoever would believe on him might not perish but have everlasting life”, John 3:16. Jesus, the great equalizer. No rich, poor, pretty, ugly, smart, stupid, in his eyes. Just love for us despite who we may have allowed ourselves to become. I wish I had understood this in the 3rd grade. I’m sure that, if I had, I wouldn’t have been stuck in so many “bone head” classes. We celebrate who we are in Jesus Christ and the love that our Father in Heaven has for us that He acted so profoundly on our behalf. If we want to “Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time”, it is important to first see the world and ourselves as God does. Don’t worry about coloring in the bubbles. He doesn’t care about how many questions you answered. He just cares that you “do all things as unto Him”, Col. 3:23!

# ELIMINATE

Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



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## Pancake Ticket Sales Update:

### Week Five

Ticket sales were much improved but we still have a long way to go and Pancake Day is three weeks away. Let's sell tickets and bring in Silent Auction items. We need your help!

Paula Dean .....	\$1,260.00
Julia Child .....	\$295.00
Emeril .....	\$865.00
Bobby Flay .....	\$920.00
<b>Total   Week 5 .....</b>	<b>\$3,340.00</b>

Top Salesman – PAULA DEEN – Guy Lucas with \$1,060.00  
 2nd place – BOBBY FLAY – Gordon Dowell with \$370.00  
 3rd place – BOBBY FLAY – Price Brock with \$265.00

**Ticket Sales to Date .....\$11,386.00**

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

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]

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Kiwaniis 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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### 2016-2017 DIRECTORS

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