

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



April 26th, 2017

Volume LXVII, Issue 30

KEVIN BRADFORD: PRESIDENT AND CEO OF GOODWILL WEST TEXAS ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26TH



Kevin Bradford is the president and CEO of Goodwill West Texas, a regionally based organization that is a recognized leader in social enterprise and community-based workforce development resources. Established in 1983 to serve the communities of West Texas, the organization now serves a 35 county territory with multi-faceted programs designed to change lives through the power of work. The organization operates 13 stores in ten cities as well as, a contract services division, recycling and re-purposing programs, state based training programs for those with disabilities, and a career center focused providing a job today and careers for tomorrow through training. Goodwill West Texas provides opportunities for people with barriers to employment inside and outside the organization.

Prior to coming to Goodwill West Texas, Bradford was the CEO of a multi-specialty healthcare company based on Wisconsin. He led the organization through organizational change and diversification to increase revenue by 500% over nine (9) years through a people first and customer experience based-design. The organizational increased service lines while divesting non-core business projects reducing risk.

Bradford is an Abilene native who graduated from Cooper High School, and then McMurry University with a degree in Greek and Christian Education. Bradford then went on to attend seminary and graduate school obtaining masters degrees, respectfully, in Divinity and Business.

Bradford has been married to his bride for 18 years and has six wonderful children ranging from 2 through 14 years old. He is a devoted family man and member of his local church. The entire Bradford family have a passion for community involvement, and have volunteered, financially contributed, and supported many community projects. He has served on the board of multiple non-profits and served as the treasure of the Appleton (WI) Charter School Board. Bradford enjoys golf, board games, biking, and just about anything outdoors with family.



President Nancy Miller presiding.



Gary Poynor led the opening prayer.



Russell Berry introduced the program.



Tom Smith presented the program.



Bernice Wolfe was the guest of Bobbie Wolfe.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

April 19th, 2017

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting	Nancy Miller
Prayer	Gary Poynor
Music.....	Don Scargall
Piano	Jamie Breed
Pledge.....	Curtis Blackburn
Guests.....	Bill Hoogstra
Cup Money	\$37.04
Brag Money	\$9.00 (Andre Scott)

In our prayers

Praise and thankful hearts that Ken Poynor's emergency gall bladder went well and Ken was able to attend Kiwanis on April 19th.

Remember the family of Landry Robinson. Landry, known by so many in the community, fought a long battle with cancer and was an inspiration to many. She passed away on April 16th and services were held Thursday April 20th.

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
Bernice Wolfe	Bobbie Wolfe

Program

Russell Berry introduced Tom Smith, who heads up the West Central Texas Council of Governments, (WCTCOG or COG for short) as the speaker on April 19. The WCTCOG is a public entity made up of cities, counties and special governmental districts serving 19 counties in West Texas. It is a political sub division of the state. We learned there are 24 Councils of Government in the state of Texas. The key factor for all is that they work for the elected officials. The councils work to provide assistance to member units such as the cities, school districts, water districts and taxing entities. He provided a brochure that covered the programs managed by the Council of Governments. The programs are funded nationally. The funds go to the State of Texas and designated to the specific agencies. Sometimes the funding is for planning while at other times, the funds are for use for specific programs. A few of the areas supported are Regional 9-1-1, Aging & Disability Resource Center

Area Agency of Aging, Area Health Education Center, Criminal Justice, Homeland Security and Natural Resources. Tom spoke of a pilot "Meals Program" project the WCTCOG is participating in. This is not Meals on Wheels, but is a delivery program of healthy meals to individuals in more remote areas. A week's supply of meals is delivered by Fed Ex to the home bound. Participants can select from menus that are heart healthy and can even meet the needs of special diets. The Council of Governments has an amazing outreach as they work to serve the regions.

To learn more check out their website at www.wctcog.org.

President Nancy Miller thanked Tom for the informative 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

Project ELIMINATE Challenge

The Board on April 6th approved extending the Club's Zeller payment amount of \$250 until July 31, 2018. Our anonymous donor who is matching the Club's payment with \$250 of his own \$250 has agreed to extend the deadline for his matching contribution as well.

As a reminder:

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 9, 2016, 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, 2018, 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 and contact Mark Hoover if you have any questions. Thank you for your support of this important effort and please consider joining in this effort.

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.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE – TIP OF THE WEEK

Membership Chairman, David Jones reminded members that talking “everything Kiwanis” as you are selling Pancake Tickets is an easy way to promote the club. Invite prospective members to join you for a meeting where they can learn more about the awesome club that we are!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: 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.

DIVISION 35 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Tx-Ok District Convention REGISTRATION: The board approved registering the club as a 100% attendance club. What that means for you as a club member, is that your registration fee will be paid by

the club, however you will need to pay for your meals and any activities you plan to attend. Watch the Kiwanigram for a special code which will be needed as you register for the convention. Be sure to thank planning committee members as they continue to work diligently to bring this convention to Abilene.

Division 35 Annual Prayer Breakfast: 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.

CALENDAR

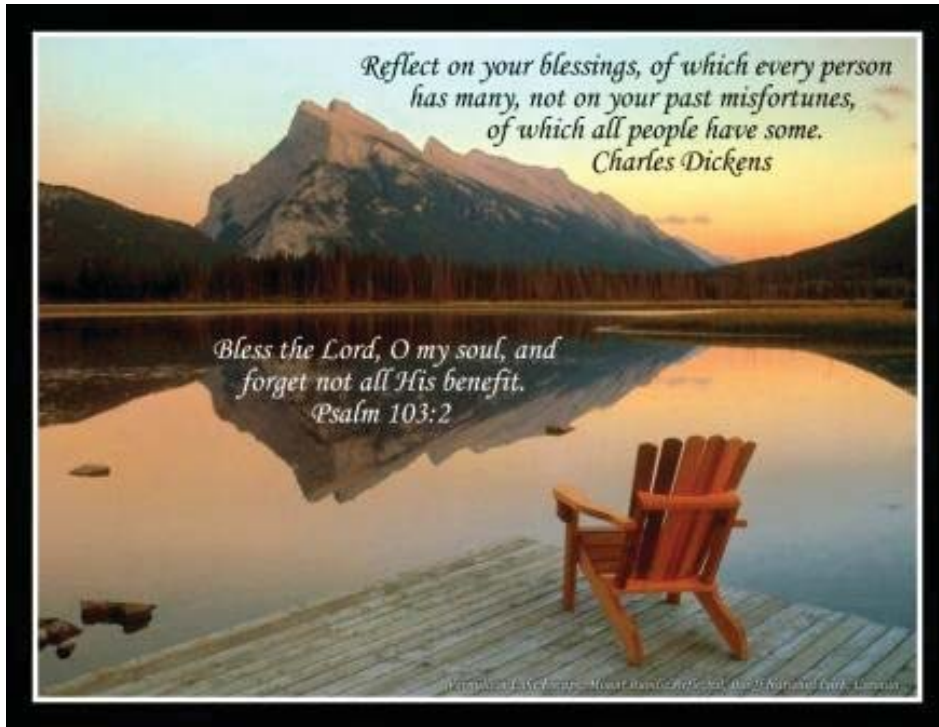
- April 25 - District Convention Planning Meeting (DCON) – Flipping Egg, 4150 South Danville 7:30am
- April 29 – PANCAKE DAY!
- No May Meeting for Club Satellite –instead Club Satellite members will host the Career and Technology Education student meeting on May 10th. Contact Gayla Gill at gaylalgill@yahoo.com for information
- May 4 – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon, Bogie’s Sandwich Shop, 241 Cypress St, Abilene
- May – Division 35 Council Meeting – 6:30 pm at Natural Food Center, 2534 S 7th St
- 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!



Kiwanis®

SPIRITUAL AIMS

Randy Williams



Each one of my Spiritual Aims articles ends with an encouragement about changing the world, one child and one community at a time. But how do we do this? Where do we even start? Well, you could start by counting your blessings. Yes, you start with you. Once you realize how valuable you are and how much you have going for you, you will start to smile. It will feel like the sun is just breaking out all over after a long cloudy day. You might even hear God's music singing in your heart. Here is where we can sort of move forward the life that God has intended for us with grace, strength, courage, and confidence. I am often reminded of the words from the hymn, "Count Your Many Blessings": "When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed. When you

are discouraged thinking all is lost. Count your many blessings angels will attend. Help and comfort give you til your journeys end." The world around you is watching, looking for someone to follow. Looking to see if the life you live is worth the journey you have taken to get where you are. So, to "Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time", just start counting.

ELIMINATE

Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



Kiwanis

unicef



moms



Babies



ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus



Pancake Ticket Sales Update:

Week Six

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	\$0.00
Julia Child	\$1220.00
Emeril	\$3499.34
Bobby Flay	\$1308.00
Total Week 6	\$6,047.34

- Top Salesman – EMERIL LAGASSE – Jack Rentz with \$2,149.34
- 2nd place – BOBBY FLAY – Gordon Dowell with \$ 711.00
- 3rd place – EMERIL LAGASSE – Jamie Breed with \$ 635.00

Ticket Sales to Date\$17,433.34

Only One Week Remaining. 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]

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Chartered: May 25, 1921
 473 Cypress Street, Suite 107
 Abilene, Texas 79601
 Telephone/Fax: 325-673-1341
 Club E-mail: Kiwanis@AbileneKiwanis.org
 Kiwanigram Editor: Brandon Carr
brandon.carr78@gmail.com



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

2016-2017 OFFICERS

- Nancy Miller – President
- Christine Curtis-Carr – Immediate Past President
- 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

- | | |
|------------------|------------------|
| Two Year: | One Year: |
| Larry Kentz | Joe Kimble |
| Al Morotini | Carl Lockett |
| Gary Poynor | Julie Wagner |
| Randy Roewe | Amanda Wiskow |



Kiwanis



Nancy Miller
President

Dennis Laster
President-Elect

Gayla Gill
Vice President

Robert Pritz
Vice President

Faye Dodson
Secretary

Tim Adcock
Treasurer



To the members of the Aktion Club,

Have you ever wanted something for your birthday, and you got it? That's sort of what happened at Noah Project Today. Your club sent a large box of toiletries for people living in our shelter because they are in danger, and they can really use what you sent.

Thank you for sending so many things to help so many people at Noah Project.

Sincerely,
Dan Cox, Development Director

Thank you for your generous donation towards my pig at Taylor County livestock show. I look forward to next year. This year was my first year to show can't wait until next year. Thank you again for your support.

Thank you!!

Trinity
Ham