

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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REAGAN ELEMENTARY MUSIC PROGRAM ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, MAY 3RD



This week we will have a patriotic musical program by a special group of 2nd graders from Reagan Elementary, our club's adopted school. The group, led by music teacher Alan Jones, always brings a smile to our faces with their enthusiasm and hearty renditions of the songs they have prepared. Special guest of the club will be Reagan Elementary Principal Chris Halifax.

Afterwards, Bill Hoogstra, will be giving a Preliminary Pancake Day Update on how the day went: foot traffic, same day ticket sales, etc.



VP Robert Pritz presided over the meeting.



Ken Poynor led the opening prayer.



Dennis Laster introduced the program.



Kevin Bradford was our guest speaker.



Kimberly Cole counting the Pancake Day ticket sales.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

April 25th, 2017

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting	Robert Pritz
Prayer	Ken Poynor
Music.....	Don Scargall
Piano	Cynthia Laster
Pledge.....	Lora Lynn Christensen
Guests.....	Melvin Martin
Cup Money	\$36.00
Brag Money	\$10.00

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
Paige Sproles.....	Christine Curtis-Carr

Program

Dennis Laster introduced Kevin Bradford, President and CEO for Goodwill West Texas, as the speaker on April 26th. Dennis provided a little history for us, communicating that former Kiwanians, Ray King and Bailey Choate were instrumental in bringing Goodwill to Abilene in 1983. The Kiwanis Club of Abilene was the first service organization to make a contribution to bring Goodwill Abilene to the community. The name has since been changed to Goodwill West Texas and the organization operates 13 stores in ten cities along with numerous training programs for those with disabilities. Goodwill Industries International was founded in 1902 and began as a Methodist ministry. Needs and resources are unique to the community thus the founder designed regions and territories. Goodwill West Texas is managed by a board of directors for this region. There are 163 member organizations for Goodwill Industries with affiliates in 13 countries. The focus for Goodwill is to offer a hand up and not just a hand out. The Mission for Goodwill West Texas is to provide opportunities who may have barriers to employment. The west Texas organization employees approximately 300 employees and all employees are paid above minimum wage. Turnover is high but in reality this is good. People are brought in, trained and receive help to find better jobs. Goodwill West Texas has 13 stores including 3 stores in Abilene, stores in

Clyde, Eastland, Sweetwater, Big Spring, Brownwood, Brady, Midland and Odessa. Not only are retail stores in those communities but career training is available in each of the cities. We learned that .88cents of every dollar is invested back into the communities of West Texas. The motto for Goodwill is “Jobs Build Lives”. When you think about that, jobs provide hope, dignity and self-sustainability. Kevin shared a success story for a young man who gained confidence who shared he could now provide for his family because Goodwill gave him a chance. Goodwill, much like the Kiwanis Club of Abilene, changes lives. For more information, check out their website at <https://goodwillwesttexas.org>.

Vice President Robert Pritz thanked Kevin 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

GUMBALL REPORT

Earl Williams reported 935 machines are in operation. 249 machines were read in April bringing in \$339.72. Total Gumball money to date is \$272,654.18! WOW!

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, 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 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.

Key Club



The AHS Key Club attended the 68th annual Key Club DCON in Dallas April 20-23. Eight students attended with Angela Walker, Faculty Advisor and Amanda Wiskow, Kiwanis Advisor. Our outgoing Lieutenant Governor Rylan Shewmaker interviewed for and was the recipient of a TO Foundation scholarship! Incoming Lieutenant Governor Rheannon Mathis was installed at the officer installation Sunday morning. Each year our Key Club students come back with great ideas to grow and strengthen their club. Thank you to the Kiwanis club for supporting them!

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



Paige Sproles and Christine Curtis-Carr with Ramon Maldonado.

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 May 23rd 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.

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.

CALENDAR

- 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 11– Division 35 Council Meeting – 6:30 pm at Natural Food Center, 2534 S 7th St
- May 23 - District Convention Planning Meeting (DCON) – Flipping Egg, 4150 South Danville 7:30am
- 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!

Perfect Attendance: April 2017

Tim Adcock	Richard Kincaid
David Bacon	Charles Kirkpatrick
Russell Berry	Ashley Larry
Curtis Blackburn	Cynthia Laster
Blue Bodenhamer	Dennis Laster
Jeff Branch	Carl Lockett
Jamie Breed	Guy Lucas
Zach Briley	Royce Manning
Price Brock	Mary Ann Martin
Chris Carnohan	Melvin Martin
Lora Lynn Christensen	Donald McDonald
Roy Cloud	Nancy Miller
Christine Curtis-Carr	Yelithza Morales
Faye Dodson	Al Morotini
Greg Fortson	Kenneth Poynor
LaQuiera Gantt	Robert Pritz
Keith Garner	Randy Roewe
Gayla Gill	Donald Scargall
Glyn Hammons	Guinn Smith
Jack Harkins	William A Smith
William Hoogstra	Jerry Stitts
Mark Hoover	Julie Wagner
David Jones	Earl Williams
Kelly Jones	Mark Young
Larry Kentz	

SPIRITUAL AIMS

Gary Poynor

It's May, thank goodness April is over. Have you ever heard the old saying "If things can go wrong they will"? Well, in April for my family it did. It caused me to remember 1st Corinthians 10:13 "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it." Whatever it is, no matter how bad you may think it is God provides a way. On this same thought the answer may be you. As I was preparing for Pancake Day it has been a terrible three weeks. One issue after another, it seemed like when I put out one fire another started, and I felt like I wasn't getting anything done. I was tired and not looking forward to Pancake Day but I remembered that of Saturday every pancake that is eaten there is funds going to a student's scholarship, funds that help children at risk, a ramp for a handicap person to get out of their house. Yes I tired, but this is a burden of joy. As a member of this Kiwanis club you may be as the verse states "the way of escape". As we go out this month may you go out and inspire someone's life, may you bless someone's life, and may you be "the way of escape" for someone having a bad day. Go out and have a great month of May.



ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus



Pancake Ticket Sales Update:

Week Seven

Paula Dean	\$495.00
Julia Child	\$555.00
Emeril	\$1835.00
Bobby Flay	\$490.00
Total Week 6	\$3375.00

- Top Salesman - EMERIL LAGASSE - Zach Briley with \$600.00
- 2nd place - EMERIL LAGASSE - Jamie Breed with \$400.00
- 3rd place - BOBBY FLAY - Carl Lockett with \$260.00

Ticket Sales to Date\$20,808.34

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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- Brice West – Foundation Advisor

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