

# KIWANIGRAM

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40 YEARS OF HELP, HOPE, AND HEALING: AN OVERVIEW OF REGIONAL VICTIM CRISIS CENTER  
ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, MAY 24TH



Monica Reid's campaign aim is to bring awareness to the work they do and have done for 40 years in Abilene and surrounding counties and to bring in more stakeholders to their critical mission. She is the Interim Executive Director and Licensed Professional Counselor- Supervisor with Regional Victim Crisis Center. She has been with the organization for 10 years and served as the Assistant Director from 2008 – 2016. She is responsible for the overall planning, management of clinical and support staff, and daily operations of this nonprofit victim services agency. In a limited capacity, Monica still provides psychotherapy services to victims of violent crime, and comprehensive victim advocacy

and case management throughout the criminal justice system. She is a clinical supervisor to counseling interns, and she is a professional mental health consultant to Taylor County Child Advocacy Multidisciplinary Team. In her clinical work, Monica specializes with child victims of sexual abuse and has experience as an expert witness. She received her BBS and MA in Family Psychology from Hardin-Simmons University.



Dr. Eric Bruntmyer presented the charge to honor graduates.



Victoria Garza was a guest of Christine Curtis-Carr.



Jeremy Finefrock was a guest of Randy Roewe.



Noah Pruitt was a CTE Scholarship winner.

# KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

May 17th, 2017

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting .....Nancy Miller  
Prayer .....Doug Williamson  
Music.....Randy Williams  
Piano .....Tim Adcock  
Pledge..... Christine Curtis-Carr  
Guests .....Kelly Jones  
Cup Money .....\$64.70

## In our prayers

Remember students who are graduating this spring as they celebrate their successes and begin the next chapter of their lives.

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, Jeannette, wife of Roy Cloud and Kirby Leeson.

## Guests

Guest.....Member  
Victoria Garza..... Christine Curtis-Carr  
Jeremy Finefrock.....Randy Roewe

## Program

Christine Curtis-Carr welcomed valedictorian and salutatorian students from the surrounding schools along with their families to the meeting on May 17th. She also introduced school administrators and thanked them for all their efforts to help students succeed. She expressed congratulations to each of the students for their outstanding accomplishments. She communicated that the students did not arrive at this place in their lives by chance. "We know that when others gave up, you (the students) persevered and looked for opportunities to succeed." She encouraged them to take advantage of the opportunities in life and to confront life with courage as they move on to the next chapter of their journey.

Christine communicated 43 completed applications were received for the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation scholarship. Selecting the winners was certainly not a small task. Scholarship committee members presented four scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each and shared a little information about each recipient. Presentations were made by Randy Roewe, Dustin West, Yelithza Morales and Christine Curtis-Carr. Congratulations Students!

Guinn Smith introduced, Hardin-Simmons University President, Eric Bruntmyer as the speaker



Valedictorians, Salutatorians, and Foundation Scholarship winners were honored.

for this exciting meeting. Eric shared three concepts with the students. He referred to a book written by a friend of his, Dr. Dale Eldridge, "What to Do with the Dash". The book states, you know your birth date and some day you are going to die. On your gravestone, your date of birth and date of death will appear. What are you going to do with the dash between the two dates? He commended the graduates for the accomplishments their "dash" represented thus far and challenged them to think about the impact of their "dash" as they travel down their road of life.

He mentioned another book about the life of Navy Seals. In that book, the reader was challenged to get comfortable with being uncomfortable. To be a Navy Seal, things can be uncomfortable, but it is important to push through as is true to be successful in life.

Eric spoke of a wealthy man named Drayton McClane, a name known by many, Mr. McClane is the owner of the Houston Astros. He shared McClane's background and communicated how his business was a million dollar business that turned to a billion dollar company and eventually sold to Sam Walton. Eric had the opportunity to meet with Mr. McClane whose advice was to "hang out with elephants"—hang out with people who will shake things up and who will ride that bumpy ride – they make a difference.

He closed by challenging attendees to use the gifts God has given and to make sure that all that you do is for God's glory.

President Nancy Miller thanked Eric for the wonderful program and congratulated the students for their accomplishments. She communicated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in their 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.

### More Honors

Amanda Wiskow presented a CTE scholarship to Noah Pruitt who could not be present for the Career and Technology luncheon on May 10th. Congratulations to Noah and to each of the students for their outstanding accomplishments!

### 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

2017 Tx-Ok District Convention Strategic Planning

Meetings are usually scheduled for the last Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be Tuesday, 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.



DeWayne Bush will be the speaker for this meaningful event. He has been part of the Taylor County family for 20 plus years, with responsibilities in 3 areas. Constable of Precinct 3, Criminal Environmental Enforcement, and Emergency Management.

He has been in the ministry bi-vocationally for 25 years, and is currently the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Tuscola.

### CALENDAR

- 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
- June 6 - Club Satellite – 6:00 pm at Martinez Boys and Girls Club, 1301 Clinton Street, Abilene. Contact Gayla Mize at [gaylalgill@yahoo.com](mailto:gaylalgill@yahoo.com) for information
- June 8 – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon, location to be announced
- July 13-16th – 102nd Kiwanis International Convention, Paris, France
- August 3-5th Texas-Oklahoma 2017 District Convention, Abilene – Make Plans Now to Attend!



In a couple of weeks is June 6th, the anniversary of D-Day. My dad was one of the soldiers that landed on Normandy beach, and by the grace of God survived. Dad was in the 100 mile march in snow and severe weather as Patton went to rescue the men of the 101st at Bastogne. I mention this for several reasons. Number one, Dad was my hero, but also because as we approach Memorial Day, I stop and remember what he and others did. Memorial Day is not just a day so we can have a Monday off or a day to watch the Indianapolis 500. As we look back, men and women have sacrificed their lives from the Battle at Lexington and Concord to Afghanistan. Our club is filled with men and women who served our country or have family members who did. For them and the ones that never came back there is a debt we owe them that can never be repaid. But one of the payments is our resolve to preserve what they fought and died for to protect.

During the Civil war brother fought against brother. The country was literally tearing itself apart. So is the United States perfect? Of course not. It never has been and never will be, just like each of us. But that should not keep us from striving for what we can't reach. For there is One that can forgive us of our mistakes.

We sing "God Bless America" and He does, if we will let Him. We remember the past so we won't make the same mistakes. Let's honor the men and women who sacrificed to give us the opportunity to enjoy what we have, for better or worse. I know a lot of "hero's", in fact, some are reading this right now. To you who ever put on a uniform, I say, thank you. And to the families of the men and women who never came home, "God bless you". As we celebrate Memorial Day, let it be a day that we celebrate the lives of the ones that gave their lives for freedom.

# ELIMINATE

Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



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## VALEDICTORIANS AND SALUTATORIANS

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene has had a long standing tradition of honoring the valedictorians and salutatorians from Abilene Schools. Those is attendance:

### ADMINISTRATORS

Mr. Joey Light, Superintendent of Wylie Independent School District  
Mr. Tommy Vaughn, Principal Wylie High School  
Ms. Sue Pond, Principal Premier High School  
J.P. Reeve, Assistant Director Premier High School  
Dr. David Young, Superintendent of Abilene Independent School District

Mr. Gustavo Villanueva, Executive Director of Secondary Education, AISD  
Dr. Abigayle Barton, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, AISD  
Dr. Ketta Garduno, Principal ATEMS High School  
Dr. Karen Munoz, Principal Cooper High School  
Mr. Robert Morrison, Principal Abilene High School

### STUDENTS

#### Wylie High School

Valedictorian - Nikhil Kalla. Parents are Hari and Yamini Kalla.  
Salutatorian – Sierra Sutton, Parents are Mr. & Ms. Sutton

#### Premier High School

Valedictorian - Tasia Harper, her mother is Ms. Harper  
Salutatorian - Maxwell McClure, parents are Mr. & Mrs. McClure

#### ATEMS High School

Valedictorian - Emma Dantzler. Parents are Steven and Sarah Dantzler.  
Salutatorian - Chandler Ellis. Parents are Charles and

Stephanie Ellis. He is also joined today by his sister Gwendolyn.

#### Abilene High School

Valedictorian - Kyle Curnutt. Parents are Casey and Mindi Curnutt.  
Salutatorian - Noah Pruitt. Parents are Kevin and Christen Pruitt.

#### Cooper High School

Valedictorian - Sterling Fahey. Parents are Matthew and Dusty Fahey.  
Salutatorian - Kaitlyn Harris. Parents are Tim and Rhonda Harris.

## KIWANIS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

#### *Emma Dantzler*

Emma Dantzler is one of our recipients of the 2016-2017 Kiwanis Club of Abilene Scholarship. Emma is graduating as the Valedictorian from the Academy of Technology, Engineering, Math and Science in Abilene, Texas. She plans on attending Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas to major in Physical Therapy. In addition to obtaining her PhD. in Physical Therapy, Emma plans on earning a Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH) certification to practice Hippotherapy, which she will use to work with special needs children. She has served as Student Council President, is in National Honor society, Mouse Squad (a Computer Tech Club), Varsity swimming as well as Orchestra. Over the past six year she has logged over 590 hours of community service and has receive several academic and extracurricular honors throughout high school. Emma's parents are Steven Dantzler and Sarah Dantzler.

#### *Hailey Moore*

Hailey will be graduating from Wylie High School in Abilene, Texas. She plans to attend Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. Hailey's intended major is marketing with the intent of eventually earning her Masters of Business Administration from Mays School of Business at Texas A&M University. Hailey is currently the President of Wylie's Student Council, Junior Class of 2017 Vice-President, Varsity Cheerleader, and has memberships to several organizations which include; FCA, Beamers Gymnastics Tumbling and Compassion International. She has served as a Rhinestone girl with Western Heritage Classic and volunteered for the past three years. She was also selected to the 2017 Big Country Chevy Dealers/FCA All Stars Festival Cheer Squad. Hailey's parents are Jamey and Tammie Moore.

#### *Olivia Montgomery*

Olivia Montgomery plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University. Olivia will be graduating from Cooper High School in Abilene, Texas. While at HSU, Olivia will be majoring in Biology and plans to eventually be a part of HSU's Physician Assistant Program. After she finishes her education, Olivia wants to become a Pediatric Oncologist to help children battling cancer. Olivia spent most of her community service time as a member of Peer Assistance and Leadership Skills (PALS) mentoring at risk elementary students of AISD, has volunteered at Royal Estates, and is a member of the Calculus and Literacy Criticism Club, member of Orchestra and National Honor Society. Olivia's parents are Jimmy and Kathy Montgomery.

#### *Victoria Dunnam*

Victoria "Tori" Dunnam is graduating from Abilene High School in Abilene, Texas. Victoria also plans to attend Hardin-Simmons this fall. She intends to major in Worship Music while at HSU. Victoria has been an active (and founding) member in Key Club throughout high school. Rising in ranks from the Sophomore Class Representative, to Club Treasurer her junior year, and making Club President her senior year. Over her time at Abilene High, Victoria has accumulated hundreds and hundreds of hours of community service, leading many new ideas including a coat drive for homeless students at AHS, trash pick-up and so much more. She has been in band for four years and in 2016 was named as a Star Student by the Abilene reporter News and she will graduate in the top 25 of her class. She is joined today by her grandfather Charles Dunnam as well as two of her mentors. Teacher Jori Netz and Key Club Adviser Angela Walker.



# KIWANIS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS



Victoria Dunnam - Christine Curtis-Carr, Presenter



Emma Dantzler - Dustin West, Presenter



Olivia Montgomery - Randy Roewe, Presenter



Hailey Moore - Yelithza Morales, Presenter

*Kiwanis Foundation scholarship is worth \$1,000.*



# BUG (Bringing Up Grades) end of school ice cream party at Reagan Elementary



3RD GRADE BUG WINNERS



BICYCLE WINNERS



5th graders Noah Torres and Skylar Walker. Neither Noah or Skylar have ever owned or ridden a bicycle before!



4th graders Exavier Martinez and Erin Hill.



3rd graders Xavier Longoria and Novalee Serrano.

# 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]

## Eliminate News!

### Texas-Oklahoma - US \$5,000,000

T-O Goal ..... \$5,000,000  
 Percent Paid..... 100%

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Kiwanis 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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 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

<b>Two Year:</b>	<b>One Year:</b>
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Gary Poynor	Julie Wagner
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