

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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JOE SPANO: DYESS MEMORIAL PARK EXPANSION ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, MAY 31ST



Joe Spano will speak to us about a project to expand the Dyess Memorial Park. This is a memorial to honor those airmen who lost their lives in aircraft crashes while they served at Dyess AFB. The project's goal is to raise \$500,000. Joe is the Vice Chair of the Military Affairs Committee for Dyess Support for the Abilene Chamber of Commerce. He is a retired businessman and a former three term Abilene City Council member. Joining him will be Brian "Rowdy" Yates, a retired Air Force Colonel and C-130 pilot who is currently Vice President of Military Affairs at the Chamber. A scale model of the project will be on display. Joe and Brian will welcome questions about the project and gladly answer them.



Chris Carnohan opened the meeting with prayer.



Monica Reid presented the program.



James Floyd's son, Kade, joined in the singing.



Dick Dansby was the guest of David Jones.



Mark Conrad's daughter, Kristen, was his guest.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

May 24th, 2017

Abilene Country Club

Led MeetingNancy Miller
 Prayer Chris Carnohan
 Music.....Randy Williams
 PianoTim Adcock
 Pledge..... Gary Poynor
 Guests.....Jerry Carter
 Cup Money\$37.00
 Brag Money\$7.00 (Donald McDonald)

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
 Linda Egle.....Becky Spargo
 Dick Dansby.....David Jones
 Kristen Conrad.....Mark Conrad
 Kade FloydJames Floyd

Program

Mark Hoover introduced Interim Executive Director of the Regional Victims Crisis Center (RVCC), Monica Reid as the speaker on May 24th.

RVCC current staff includes victim advocates, professional counselors, prevention/education specialists and social workers. Dozens of highly-trained and certified volunteer advocates are on call 24/7 to assist victims in crisis. Members of the Board of Directors represent diverse professions and community fields of interest.

RVCC receives funding from state and local governments, foundation grants, corporate contributions and private donations.

The center serves Taylor, Coleman, Shackelford, Callahan and Jones Counties. There is a huge demand for services and the agency is going through some major growing pains.

Goals for the RVCC are helping victims recover from trauma violence. Victims' assistance is available and there is a great deal of focus on prevention. She shared that the work is hard but very rewarding.

Monica shared information about training

opportunities and the outreach that occurs to bring awareness of the services available. This was certainly an informative and timely presentation.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Room Change

Please note that the meeting on May 31st will be in the room next door to the ballroom. We will still go through the buffet downstairs however the location will be different for this meeting only. Hope to see you on the 31st!

Pancake Dollars Presented



Becky Spargo, International Projects Chair, presented Linda Egle, founder of Eternal Threads, with a \$1000 donation.

Chairman of the International Project Committee, Becky Spargo, presented Pancake Dollars in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Eternal Threads. Linda Egle, program coordinator accepted the funds and expressed her deepest appreciation. Linda communicated the funds would go toward their continued work in Nepal. She has shared with Kiwanians previously about the program and the incredible impact being made for women and girls in Nepal. She spoke about a new program named "Cheli", which means "beloved daughter". The program is geared to teenage girls who are trained to begin their own businesses. Once trained, the girls begin training centers, savings groups, and Christian

mentoring for other teenage girls in their villages.

DIVISION 35 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Registration is now OPEN for the
99th Annual TX-OK Kiwanis District Convention
(DCON)!

REGISTER ONLINE NOW

@ www.txokkiwanisconvention.org

Growth Summit & I-LEAD Training: Thursday,
August 3rd @ McMElegante Hotel

DCON: Friday, August 4th & Saturday, August 5th
@ Convention Center

Board of Trustee and Lt. Governor Meetings:
Sunday, August 6th @ McMElegante Hotel

Join us for a convention to remember. Bring your kids and grandkids too! Kiwanis International President-Elect Jim Rochford will also be our guest and will even present a few forums and trainings. Our club board of directors approved us to participate as a 100% club. What does that mean? You can attend the convention without paying the \$75 registration fee! YAY!

Instructions: When registering online club members should select 100% club as registration type (NOT INDIVIDUAL) and use the code Kiwanis100 at the bottom of the form before hitting submit and proceeding to the payment portal. The code will cancel out the \$20 registration fee and only appear if you select 100% club registration. If a member is also registering his/her spouse, he/she should use the same code in the spouse code box.

Division 35 Prayer Breakfast

Twenty-one Kiwanis Club of Abilene members and ten from Greater Abilene attended the annual prayer breakfast on May 25th. A huge thanks to Bobbie and Bernice Wolfe for hosting this wonderful event. Not only was the food delicious and the fellowship a blessing, but the setting was perfect too. Lt. Governor Jamie Breed led the meeting and Randy Williams introduced Taylor County Constable, DeWayne Bush as the speaker. Brother Bush who serves as pastor for at First Baptist Church, Tuscola. Pastor DeWayne shared 7 ineffectual things to do when in a storm. Yes, that is correct. He shared from Mark 4:37 whereby the disciples perceived their ship was about to sink. Jesus was on board but was asleep. They were in a panic and asked Jesus if He cared. He calmed the storm and asked the disciples why they were so fearful and where their faith was. Those 7 ineffectual things?



LaQuiera Gantt was named the Texas-Oklahoma District, Div. 35 Layperson of the year at the Division 35 Prayer Breakfast on May 25, 2017. The award was presented by Division 35 Lt. Governor, Jamie Breed.

1. Be Reactive – avoid this and be proactive instead.
2. Focus only on short term results-instead, begin with the end in mind. Doing so will help us keep a heavenly perspective.
3. Do the least important things 1st- instead do 1st things 1st.
4. Think Win/Lose. Instead, think Win/Win. Find solutions that benefit all involved.
5. Seek to be 1st understood rather than to understand.
6. Keep doing the same thing over and over again. Instead stop to re-evaluate in an effort to improve results.
7. Continue to be so proud and have mind set to change only one thing. Instead constantly evaluate and tweak life.

Lt. Governor thanked Brother DeWayne for the wonderful message then concluded by announcing that our own LaQuiera Gantt was selected as the Division 35 Lay Person of the Year! Congratulations LaQuiera and thank you for your servant's heart!

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.

Gumball Report

King Earl Williams reported, gumball machines in operation today are 933. Two hundred five machines were read in April bringing in \$267.48. The grand total is now \$272,921.66! WOW! Thank you Earl – awesome job!

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.

CALENDAR

- June 6 - Club Satellite – 6:00 pm at The Mill, 239 Locust, Abilene Contact Gayla Mize at gaylalgill@yahoo.com for information
- June 8 – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon, location to be announced
- June 13 and 27 - District Convention Planning Meeting (DCON) – Flipping Egg, 4150 South Danville 7:30am
- July 13-16th – 102nd Kiwanis International Convention, Paris, France
- August 3-5th Texas-Oklahoma 2017 District Convention, Abilene – Make Plans Now to Attend!

SPIRITUAL AIMS

Gary Poynor

In the last couple of weeks one would have to admit that they liked the weather, at least some of the time. It's been hot, cold, sunny, and rainy. Was there a day in these past couple of weeks that you disliked? On a day that I was enjoying the rain, my neighbor hated it for he couldn't get his work done. Isn't it amazing how little things can bother us so much? Just as the saying goes "if you don't like the weather, just wait a while, it will change".

Just like the weather, so are our lives. We have good days and bad days. In one day we can experience joy, grief, anger, accomplishment and defeat. One thing that is constant is God. No matter where we are in our lives, He is always beside us. We may not see Him, we may not acknowledge Him, but He is there.

This last weekend as my brother was celebrating his grandson's birthday, I was consoling my granddaughter's loss in the semifinal's game. God was at both, and His love was the same for both events. Now I know these are small events. But because I know He was there at both events, I also know that whatever issue might come up, no matter how great and celebrative or how depressing and anguishing, God will be with me.

Just as Ken's grandson wanted someone to celebrate his birthday and my granddaughter wanted someone to comfort her at her loss; when we are alone and we need comfort or we want to celebrate, we have a friend that will celebrate our joy or hold us tight in our sadness.

We can know that like the weather, life changes. But we can be assured that God never changes. When Jesus asked Peter "Who do you say I am?" Peter responded saying "the Son of the living God." For which Jesus responded saying "upon this rock I will build my church". We see Peter's faith when he declares Jesus his Lord as the rock and the church which is built on its faith in Him. Our faith will hold when life troubles confront us and our faith makes our joy even greater. Let Him be that rock so when life changes hit us we have that rock to stand on.

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.

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- Gayla Gill – Vice President
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May 18, 2017

Randy Roewe, Chair of Boys and Girls Committee
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Dear Kiwanians:

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$500.00 as a sponsor for the 2017 AMTA Showcase Concert benefiting Harmony Family Services! We really appreciate your making the gift through Abilene Gives as well to help us generate even more funds to help support our children's emergency shelter.



2016 AMTA Showcase Concert

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jamie Breed".

Jamie Breed
Executive Director

Harmony Family Services, Inc. is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code