

# KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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PANCAKE DAY WRAP-UP!

ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB, NOON, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7TH



The Kiwanis Program on June 7 will be devoted to celebrating our 69th Pancake Day. There will be a video of the event followed by lots of recognition of work performed and successes of teams and individual Kiwanians. Learn about meals served and tickets sold. Learn about the Silent Auction. Learn about the income and expenses and how much our club will be able to support our community in the next Kiwanis year. Lastly, you are encouraged to attend this meeting and learn who will be awarded the Jim Jennings Golden Wrench Award. This should be a fun and informative meeting that you will not want to miss.

# KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

June 7th, 2017

## Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting .....	Nancy Miller
Prayer .....	Guy Lucas
Music.....	Randy Williams
Piano .....	Lora Lynn Christensen
Pledge.....	Cheri Drysdale
Guests.....	Randy Roewe
Cup Money .....	\$31.12
Brag Money .....	\$4.05 (Greg Fortson)

### In our prayers

Remember Tim Adcock's mother. She is being moved from the hospital to rehab this week. Tim will be commuting to Wichita Falls during the week to check on her.

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 Kirby Leeson.

Remember our First Responders who serve our community from day to day.

### Guests

Guest.....	Member
Jeremy Finrock.....	Randy Roewe
Debra Morotini.....	Al Morotini
Grady Dorsett.....	Ken Poynor
Sherry Weeks.....	Faye Dodson
Steven Leggett.....	Greater Abilene

### Program

Kelly Jones introduced Joe Spano and Rowdy Yates on May 31st. Joe, known by so many in the audience, serves as Vice Chair of the Military Affairs Committee for Dyess Support for the Abilene

Chamber of Commerce and shared plans for an addition to Dyess Memorial Park. This is a very dynamic memorial to honor those airmen who lost their lives in aircraft crashes while they served at Dyess AFB. From the website:

"Following the loss of a Dyess C-130J (TORQE 62) in Afghanistan in 2015, the question was asked about how other aircraft crashes had been honored. While some crashes had been honored in different ways others had not been memorialized at all. This realization led to a desire to create a way to incorporate all of the crashes into a single memorial.

Mitchell Wright, landscape architect, designer, and grandson of Abilene's own "Dub" Wright agreed to design a distinctive memorial to honor the sacrifices

of our Dyess Airmen. Wright has developed plans for a one-of-a-kind "sundial" memorial that allows the sun to enter and mark precise points in time on the memorial grounds. On the anniversary of each incident, a ray of light will shine directly on each monument at the exact time of the loss.

A model of the memorial was available for all to see. Joe and Rowdy did a great job of communicating about the project which will cost \$500,000.00 to complete. While plans are in place, building will not begin until funds are available. More details are available at [www.dyessmemorialpark.org](http://www.dyessmemorialpark.org).

President Nancy Miller thanked Joe and Rowdy for the informative program and 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.

## DIVISION 35 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

REGISTER ONLINE NOW

@ [www.txokkiwanisconvention.org](http://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.

## 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.

## CALENDAR

- June 6 - Club Satellite – 6:00 pm at The Mill, 239 Locust, Abilene Contact Gayla Mize at [gaylalgill@yahoo.com](mailto:gaylalgill@yahoo.com) for information
- June 8 – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon, First Financial Bank West Building, 400 Pine Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room next to Subway
- 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!

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## SPIRITUAL AIMS



### *Blue Bodenhamer*

During the West Texas drought a number of years ago, I was visiting with a cowboy-rancher friend of mine whose ranch is near Marathon, Texas. At this particular time nearly all of Texas was in the grip of a terrible drought which had decimated cattle herds and the pockets of many farmers and ranchers. The drought was nothing new to this rancher and I rather jokingly asked him, "Craig, do you reckon it's ever going to rain again?" Craig never batted an eye nor did he hesitate with his response, "It will rain when it is supposed to." I don't recall ever witnessing a more powerful expression of faith and I have never forgotten his answer.

The Bible tells us that faith is the belief in things hoped for but unseen. It also tells us that our Creator looks for faith in all of his children. There are some vivid examples in the Old Testament about the power of faith, not only with regard to the timing and abundance of rain in matters of national security and in the well being of the people of a nation. 2 Chronicles 6 is but one example.

Surely, this is a time when people of faith, who understand that we are held accountable for our actions, should consider the urgent necessity of looking to our Creator for His blessings and His protection by calling on His name in faith, that He who has our names inscribed on the palm of His hands will surely answer our prayers, "when He is supposed to."

# 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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 Tim Adcock – Treasurer  
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 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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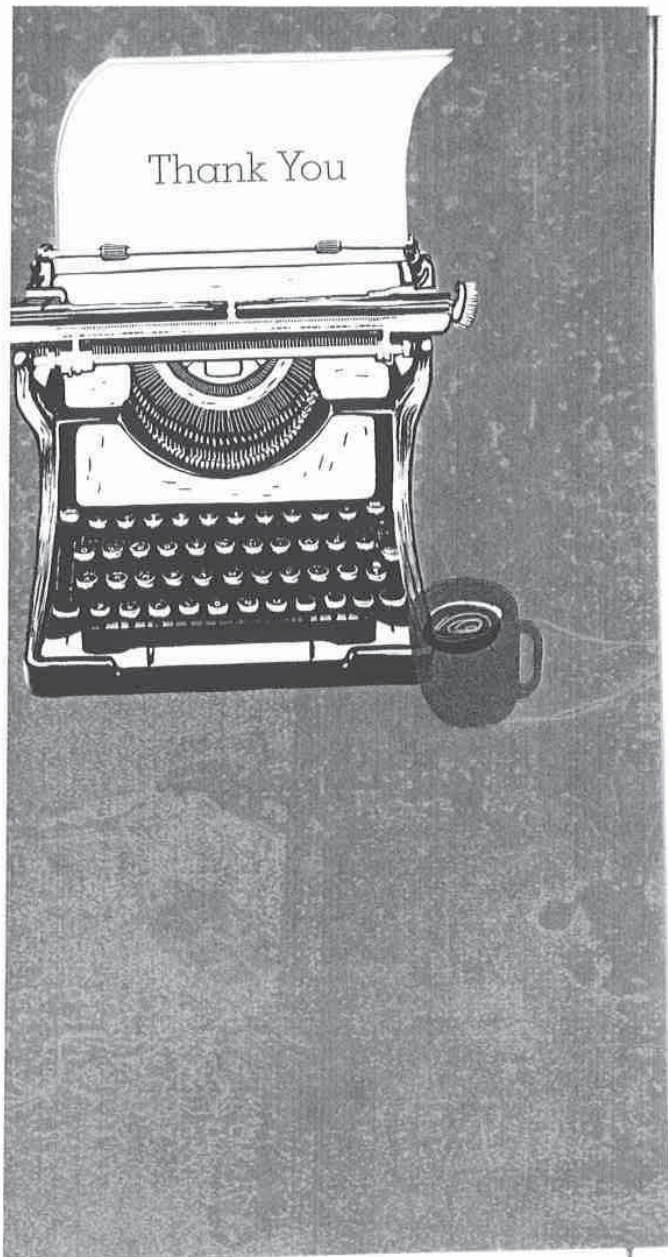
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Thank You

A note to thank you  
for your thoughtfulness  
and to let you know  
it really meant a lot.

Thank you very much for  
the scholarship the Kiwanis Club  
awarded me! I will forever be  
grateful.

Sincerely,

Carson Holt

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