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The item you must have will be at the back of the top shelf at the grocery store.



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CLUB OF GREATER ABILENE

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

MEETING NOTES

The March 27th meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene was Called to Order at 12:05 PM by President Gail Jay at The Beehive Restaurant. She welcomed members and guests to our meeting. Gail gave Happy Birthday wishes to Teresa Borcik (3/28) and gave Happy Kiwanis Anniversary wishes to Floyd Miller (3/28)—29 years, and Nancy Baker (3/30)—19 years, and on 4/1/25 David McCaghren—25 years, Kelly Couch—1 year, Doug Slack—1 year, and Diane Terrell (4/2)—21 years. Thank you, Kiwanians, for your many years of service to Kiwanis, our Kiwanis Club and all the children in our community.

Greeters were Diane Terrell and Susan Reid. Keith Clifton led the club in prayer; Steve Brown led singing, and Kent Barnett led the Pledge of Allegiance. Prayers were offered for Gabe Gallegos grandfather who is recovering from surgery; Joe Marshall who is in PT, and for Angela Nicolini's Mom who is undergoing PT for a broken neck. He requested prayers for unnamed Kiwanis members who need our prayers, and prayers for rain.

Doug Slack introduced Gerardo Lara, guest of David McCaghren; Catherine Allen, guest of Brad Birchum and Zota Zoth today's speaker. We had several visiting guests from Fullerton Associates. They were Gayle Fullerton, Fatima Tarin, Vaneiri Kamirez, Reyna Garcia, Kelsey Johnson, Amer Benavides, Keith O'Shields, Sherry Griffith and Carol McClannan who were here today to support their fellow employee, Susan Holland.

MEALS ON WHEELS TOTAL MORE THAN \$1,000

President Gail announced that \$1,000 was raised for the pledge cards she and several members received from Meals on Wheels (MOW) which highlighted a matching grant of \$15,000 by an anonymous donor. Thaks for all the members that helped raised the \$1,000!!!

HOMELESS STUDENTS WALMART GIFT CARDS

Kiwanian Darrin Cox's Office is running extremely low on clothing items. Your support of a **\$25 Walmart Gift Card** ensures the correct size is purchased for an individual student. Bring the cards to the meeting on Thursdays.



SUSAN HOLLAND RECEIVES AWARD

Floyd Miller, past recipient, presented our club's "Outstanding Kiwanis Volunteer" award to Susan Holland.

Floyd read a list of Kiwanis, community and church activities that Susan volunteers for. She was nominated by several club members. Susan received a letter requesting she pick a local non-profit that helps children.

As a result of the award, our club will donate a \$100 to this organization in her name. Congratulations! We're so proud of you and so glad you are a member of Greater Abilene!

K-KIDS NEXT MEETING APRIL 4TH AT STAFFORD ELEMENTARY!!!

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene K-Kids next meeting will be Friday, **April 4th**, 12:05 PM, Stafford Elementary, N. 10th and Pioneer.

The students have stuffed more than 900 eggs. Susan Holland, Lyndel Cook, Debbie Taubert and Stafford Advisor Jaime Aleman helped the K-Kids on Friday, March 28th.

Lyndel Cook, Club Advisor for K-Kids Club at Stafford Elementary would like to **thank Ikie Taylor for bringing eggs and lots of candy this week.**

The kids will finish the eggs next week and then start final touches for the Kindergarten Hunt for April 17th.



“KIDS NEED KIWANIS” GOLF TOURNAMENT PRESENTED BY CHAD DODSON ROOFING IS IN THREE WEEKS APRIL 17TH ABILENE COUNTRY CLUB

We need every member to help. **The tournament starts at 8:30 a.m. on April 17th at the Abilene Country Club.** Several golf tournament needs are: 4 more golf teams, more hole sponsors, \$1,000 and \$500 sponsors, more liquor bottles and selling Raffle Tickets--\$10 each or five for \$40 (which is like getting one ticket free). Raffle tickets are available at the front desk at the meetings! See Diane or Nancy at the Reception Desk so you can check them out.

Fundraising—Tavern on the Green: Missy Kampert announced she is collecting the liquor bottles for Tavern on the Green. Please contact her at 325-201-8712 so you can

arrange to drop off your donated liquor bottles either at club meetings or her office. Remember, we need lots of bottles and that golfers like unique bottles! Please take this opportunity to sign up and show your support. It's a lot of fun and an awesome day to be a Greater Abilene Kiwanian!
Fundraising—Gun Board: Gun Board tickets are available. Tickets are \$25 each or five (5) for \$100. So far, we sold 36 of 144 squares.

Fundraising—Sign-Up Sheets: A clip board showing the duties and times needed for members to work the golf tournament will be passed around at the meetings. Please take this opportunity to sign up and show your support. It's a lot of fun and an awesome day to be a Greater Abilene Kiwanian!

If you have any questions about the Golf Tournament, contact Phil Hill @ 325-669-5153, Scott South @ 325-338-6014.

THE CHAMBER
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POWERED BY BUSINESS

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS WAS FUN!!!!

Several Kiwanians attended the Abilene Chamber of Commerce Business Expo and Business After Hours on Wednesday, March 26th. Lots of fun and free stuff!!!!



NEED TO KNOW STUFF.

Our next program: Tom Langford

Total Attendance: 50
GAK Members: 38
Visiting Kiwanians: Guests: 12

BUCKET STUFF

K\$'s: 12

Goes toward Hixon award and
Kiwanis Children's Fund

Bucket: \$187

Brag Bucket: \$10

Bucket monies **March:** Meals on
Wheels Plus

In-Kind Project **March:** Easter
eggs and hard candy.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President: Gail Jay
President elect: Cameo Harvey
Vice president: Shelley Drennan
Vice president: Phil Hill
Treasurer: Diane Terrell
Secretary: Nancy Baker
Past President: David Sivley

DIRECTORS: ONE YEAR TERM

Robert Atwood
Kevin McSherry
Julie Neill
Susan Reid

DIRECTORS: TWO YEAR TERM

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CLUB HEARS UPDATE ON CAMP ABLE

Brad Birchum, Program Committee member, introduced Zota Zoth, Volunteer Finance Director at Camp Able. Camp Able provides therapeutic riding and skill-base training to people with special needs. Eighty-five percent of the participants are school-aged children.

The mission of Camp Able is dedicated to empowering individuals with special needs through therapeutic riding and inclusive skills-based program. In 2023, the camp offered 995 therapeutic opportunities to 373 children and adults with special needs. And, all this is made possible through the generosity of donors and commitment of volunteers.

The camp is also a horse sanctuary. Horses are rehabilitated and offered shelter for any horse in need. Camp personnel train those horses that can be used in therapeutic riding and seek to find adoptive homes for others.

The camp is set to expand it's buildings which will include a 40,000 square foot arena and horse stalls. The camp already has many facilities to help the horses and the individuals that participate in the camp. Thanks to all the staff at Camp Able for making a difference in lives of so many children and adults.



CLYDE HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB MEMBERS SHOW OFF NEW T-SHIRTS!!



MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE WITH PRIZES!!!!

President Gail encouraged members to invite potential new members. All members who sponsor a new member this quarter will have their name entered in a drawing for a \$50 restaurant gift card. The drawing will be held after 3-31-25. Membership information and applications are at the Reception Desk.

ONESIES & TWOSIES

The next Board Meeting is Wednesday, 4-9-25, 12 noon, Cypress Street Station, all members are invited.

Kiwanis Club of Abilene Pancake Day is Saturday, 3/29/25. We were offered a deal....40 tickets at \$6 each. Please let President Gail know how many tickets you would like so we can receive this discount. 2024-2025 Club Member Directories are here. Cost is \$5. Contact Nancy if you would like a copy.

Do you have any Program ideas? Submit to Shelley Drennan at sdrennan@visitingangels.com.

KIWANIS EDUCATION:

Kiwanis International's continuing service focus is called "Young Children: Priority One." The Priority One Advisory Council is a group of more than 30 child-related organizations that advise Kiwanis on the Young Children: Priority One program and offer local partners to clubs for collaborative projects. Every Kiwanis club is urged to conduct at least one major Young Children: Priority One project each year.