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A man is really getting smart when he realizes that vacations are disguised shopping sprees.



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CLUB OF GREATER ABILENE

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MEETING NOTES

The October 23rd meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene was Called to Order at 12:02 PM by President Cameo Harvey at The Beehive Restaurant. She gave Happy Birthday wishes to Darrin Cox (10/28). There are no Happy Kiwanis Anniversaries this upcoming week.

Greeters were Pete Hinman and Diane Terrell. Kevin McSherry led the club in prayer; Lyndel Cook led singing & sang Happy Birthday to President Cameo who celebrated her birthday last week (10/19). Susan Holland led the Pledge of Allegiance. Prayers were offered for Winona Brooks who is not feeling well today, Stamford Kiwanis President Kelly ones who just had lung cancer surgery, unnamed members with health issues, and, if we are lucky enough, the blessing of rain!

Mike Bannister (newly retired) introduced the following guests—visiting from the Abilene Club were Guy Lucas, Faye Dodson and Ken Poynor; Mauri Nicholson and Margi Loza, guests of Shelley Drennan; Paul Campbell, brother and guest of former member Bruce Campbell, today's speaker Welcome!

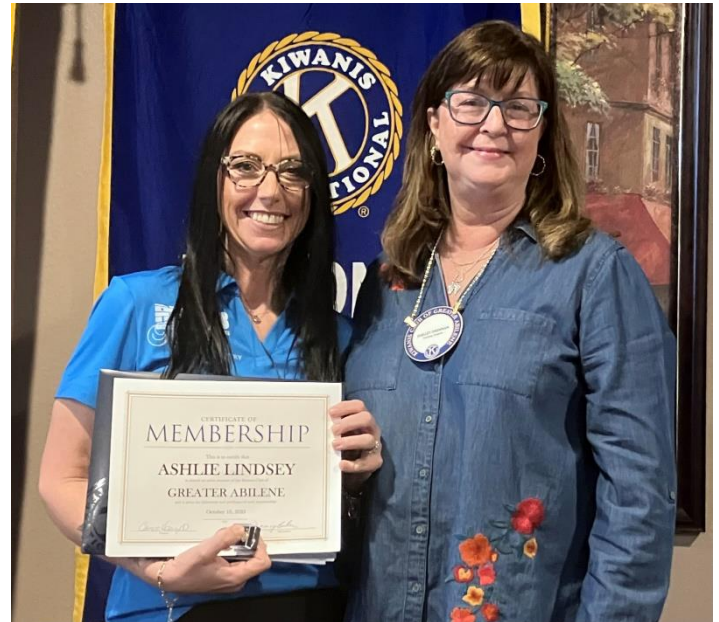
The more members we have, the more hands to serve children!

GREATER ABILENE KIWANIS FALL CLUB SOCIAL UPDATE

President Cameo would like to update the club about the Fall Club Social. The cookout has been cancelled due to the November 1 date falling on the same date as ACU Homecoming. There just wasn't enough participation. But, we will try to have the cookout sometime in May.

However, we are looking to have a Restaurant Social soon. President Cameo is working on the details and will send an email with the restaurant location, date and time.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ASHLIE LINDSEY & GRACE CARY

Ashlie Lindsey (top photo) is Community Liaison with the Hospice of the Big Country (WTRC) and is sponsored by Shelley Drennan. She is particularly interested in helping with the new Kiwanis Aktion Club venture.

Grace Cary (bottom photo) is Relations Manager Assistant at First Financial Trust & Asset Management and is sponsored by Missy Kampert. Welcome to the club ladies!!!!



DRI PUMPKIN PATCH OPEN THIS WEEK

Kiwanian Robert Marshall, DRI, Inc. said that for the first time in 5 years, DRI will have their Pumpkin Patch. The Patch is located at DRI, 3602 N. Clack. Hours of operation are Wednesday-Friday, 3 to 7 PM and Saturday at 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Kiwanian Steve Brown said they will be giving hay rides starting at 4 p.m. on Saturdays while they are open. The Patch will be open until the pumpkins are gone. Please come out and support a wonderful cause.



WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S WAS A SUCCESS!!!!

Kiwanian Lauren Stephans, Alzheimer's Association, said the Saturday, October 18th Walk To End Alzheimer's was a success. The organization raised more than \$100,000!!!! The event was at Grover Nelson Park. And would you believe that a thunderstorm came thru the area about the time the event started!!!!

Fortunately, there were lots of walkers that showed up, including Kiwanians Shelley Drennan and her son Cody, with his family. Lt. Gov. Lyndel Cook and granddaughter Arya were also there.

GOLF FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Angela Nicolini, Golf Committee Co-Chair, stated the committee will meet again on 11/4. Please let Angela or Scott South know about any suggestions to make our 6th Annual Golf Tournament even better. Their committee welcomes your comments and suggestions now during the planning phase, not at the event. Angie was excited to note that one of our newest members will be joining the golf committee...welcome Grace Cary.



SWEETWATER CLUB SELLING WREATHS FOR CHRISTMAS

President Cameo announced that the Sweetwater Club is selling Christmas wreaths and holiday items as their fundraiser. We have helped them in the past.

Order forms will be on the tables at the next few meetings. Orders and payment are due on Thursday, 11/6/25 (our meeting date). Payment can be cash, check or Venmo. The orders will be delivered the week following Thanksgiving. See Nancy for order forms or if you have any questions.

NEED TO KNOW STUFF.

Our next program: Jennifer Hinds, CFO AISD about the VATRE tax

Total Attendance:53

GAK Members: 46

Guests: 4

Visiting Kiwanians: 3

BUCKET STUFF

K\$'s: \$31

Goes toward Hixon award and Kiwanis Children's Fund

Bucket:\$202

Brag Bucket: \$50

Bucket monies **Oct:** Coats for Kids Stafford elementary

In-Kind Project **Oct.:** Collecting caps, gloves & outerwear for Stafford students.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President: Cameo Harvey

President elect: Shelley Drennan

Vice president: Brad Birchum

Vice president: Scott South

Treasurer: Diane Terrell

Secretary: Nancy Baker

Past President: Gail Jay

DIRECTORS: ONE YEAR TERM

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Keith Clifton

Justin Whiteley

DIRECTORS: TWO YEAR TERM

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KIWANIANS ATTEND CHAMBER EVENTS

Several Abilene Chamber of Commerce events were attended by Kiwanians Susan Holland, Barry Gurley and Shelley Drennan. Top left photo was at the 70th anniversary of Andrews furniture. Top right photo was at the Hispanic Business Council. Several more events will be taking place in November, so stay tuned for times and dates of the events.

DUES INCREASE

Diane Terrell, Club Treasurer, announced that the Board of Director's voted to implement the proposed dues increase that was approved by the Club Membership on 06-26-25 along with approval for the new Club Bylaws revision.

- ❖ Increase Associate/Educator/Spousal dues membership from \$11 to \$15 or (+\$4) / month,
- ❖ Increase Regular Membership dues from \$65 to \$70 or (+\$5) / month,
- ❖ Increase Senior Membership dues from \$25 to \$30 or (+\$5) / monthly,
- ❖ We do not propose in an increase in annual corporate membership of \$600/year currently.

Diane also asked members to pay their dues by enrolling in bill pay or pay by Venmo.

CLUB HEARS PROGRAM ABOUT ABILENE RADIO HISTORY

Tom McAlister introduced former Greater Abilene Kiwanian Bruce Campbell. Bruce spoke about several radio stations that were started in Abilene, including KRBC radio, KWKC and KMWX. These stations were pioneers in the radio industry. He also spoke about the Communications Act of 1934 that replaced the Federal Radio Commission with the new Federal Communications Commission. Thanks to Bruce for this informative program.

THIS & THAT

The next Board Meeting is Wednesday, 11/12/25, 12 noon, Cypress Street Station Restaurant, conference room. Board members are asked to come early if you plan to eat. Remember there is road construction on Cypress Street. Public parking is available at the lot on the corner of Pine and N. 2nd St.

Do you have any Program ideas? Submit to Brad Birchum, Program Chair for the 2025-2026 year.

KIWANIS EDUCATION:

The 1924 convention in Denver, Colorado, became known as the Constitutional Convention. In the process of finalizing a complete International Constitution and Bylaws, Kiwanis officially adopted the name Kiwanis International and the six permanent Objects.