

# KI WEEKLY

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## Kiwanis®

CLUB OF GREATER ABILENE

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

**Statements from insurance forms:** *The other car collided with mine without giving warning of its intentions.*

## MEETING NOTES

The December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene was Called to Order at 12:00 PM by President-Elect Shelley Drennan at The Beehive Restaurant. She gave Happy Birthdays wishes to Linda Chishom and Gary Orren (12/6), and Alexa Vannatta (12/8). There were no Kiwanis Anniversaries this week.

Greeters were Pete Hinman and Diane Terrell. Phil Hill led the club in prayer; Lyndel Cook led singing & Ashlie Lindsey led the Pledge of Allegiance. Prayers were offered for Karen Coleman, Sunny Parker's mom, who is hospitalized; Wayne Baker, Nancy's husband, who is recovering from surgery and pneumonia; families dealing with loss, especially this holiday season; those dealing with family illness and faith to remember what the season is for.

Kent Barnett introduced the following guests—SGT Pratt Vanobia and SGT Christian Collin, USMC, Toys for Tots Program, guests of Brad Birchum; Jesse Cardenas, guest of David McCaghren; Mallory Wilcox, guest of Steven Leggett; Destany Alvarez and Jessica Andrade, guest of Lyndel Cook; and John Kuhn, today's speaker. Welcome!

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



## BIG BRO/SIS RECEIVES \$500 FROM CLUB

Steven Leggett, Chair of Youth Services Committee, presented Mallory Wilcox from Big Brothers Big Sisters a check for \$500 to help with their Bigs Program.

Mallory mentioned that there is a list of more than 100 boys and girls waiting to be matched with their big brother or big sister. BB/BS matches a little within the Abilene community and the meeting times can be 2-4 times a month. The meetings usually include activities that the Little will enjoy. Thanks to Mallory and the rest of the BB/BS staff that help the kids in our community.

## CHRISTMAS FLOAT WAS LOTS OF FUN

President Cameo, Cameo's husband Baker, sons Sterling and Keaton, Susan Holland, Steve Brown, Robert Marshall and Lt. Gov. Lyndel Cook helped decorate the float last Sunday afternoon. The parade was Tuesday night. Kiwanians and GrandKids had a great time and there was lots of waving and Merry Christmases!!! Kiwanian Phil Hill even got a birds eye view of the float!!!







## STUFFED ANIMALS & PASTA GOING TO LONG ELC

President Elect Shelley announced that all stuffed animals on the tables are for sale to be included in 150 Christmas Baskets that will be given to underserved families and children. Our club is also donating 150 pasta meals (1 pound of pasta and a large jar of spaghetti sauce) in each basket! Please give your money to Nancy or Diane.

We are looking for volunteers to deliver the pasta, sauce and stuffed animals to Long ELC next Thursday after club. Please let Nancy know if you can assist. The cost is \$10 each. Pick a toy so you don't have to go shopping or please bring a toy or stuffed animal to be included in the total. **The deadline for the donations is 12-11-25. They will be delivered to Long Early Learning Center after the meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>.**

We collected an additional \$200 in stuffed animal sales and challenges. A big thank you to our generous members and special thanks the **Rowdy Table members** for your challenge donation of \$140 so we can purchase additional toys.

So far, we have collected a total of 68 stuffed animals, so we have a way to go! Your bucket donations in November & December will allow the committee to purchase the remaining 82 toys needed to reach the goal of 150 so each Christmas Basket has a toy or stuffed animal. Thank you so much.



## KIWANIANS ATTEND ABILENE CHAMBER MORNING EDGE ON THE 3RD

Greater Abilene Kiwanians Shelley Drennan, Cody Drennan, Susan Holland and Lt. Governor Lyndel Cook attended The Abilene Chamber of Commerce Morning Edge at The Grain Theory, 202 Pine Street, Ste 201. The Greater Abilene Kiwanis Club is a member of the Chamber and our Kiwanians attend several Chamber events. This was a great opportunity to network with other Chamber Members and promote the Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene.

## Kids Need Kiwanis Golf Tournament

### Sponsorship Levels

#### Augusta Sponsor - \$10,000

Naming rights for all event promotion  
3 participating 4-person teams  
Banner at the event  
Logo on registration website

#### Pebble Beach Sponsor - \$5,000

2 participating 4-person teams  
Logo on tee gifts  
Logo on registration website

#### St. Andrews Sponsor - \$3,000

1 participating 4-person team  
Event banner and website logo

#### Cart Sponsor - \$1,500 **SOLD**

Logo placement in all golf carts

#### Tavern on the Green - \$1,500 **SOLD**

Branding on prizes, banner and logo

#### Gun Board Sponsor - \$1,500 **SOLD**

Logo placement on gun board

#### Lunch Sponsor - \$1,250

Logo placement throughout meal

#### Breakfast Sponsor - \$1,000

Logo placement throughout meal

#### Score Card Sponsor - \$1,000

Logo printed on all scorecards

#### Driving Range Sponsor - \$1,000

Banner placed at driving range

#### Putting Green Sponsor - \$1,000

Banner placed at putting green

#### Winners' Prize Sponsor - \$500

Logo on banner at score board zone

#### Hole-in-One Sponsor **SOLD**

Premium course promotion

#### Refreshment Sponsors - \$500

Logo placement with drinks and other refreshments offered

#### Hole Sponsors - \$200 each

Logo/sign placement at one hole



## GOLF TOURNAMENT NEEDS SPONSORS!!

Joey Parker gave the club an update on the sponsors for the 6<sup>th</sup> "Kids Need Kiwanis" Golf Tournament Thursday, **April 16, 2026** at the Abilene Country Club. The sponsorships **are**

**\$16,000 less** this year. Several of last

year's sponsors have other commitments this year and will not be able to help. With that being said, it is time to start canvassing businesses and your associates to make up for this short fall. **The \$10,000 sponsorship is up for grabs!!!** So network with your friends and colleagues to find another Augusta Sponsor for \$10,000.

Joey Parker and **SpongeBob Golf Ball** also mentioned that there will be a Hole Sponsor Contest, the person with the most hole sponsors will win a prize. He said we need more sponsors and more hole sponsors!

Joey will treat the winner who brings in the most sponsors to a **Bee Hive "Steak Dinner"** at lunch! Susan Holland stated there are printed "golf tournament packets" available at the reception desk. Please let her know if you need any handouts. See photo above for a sample of the sponsorships that are available. The sheets will be available at the meetings.

## **NEED TO KNOW STUFF.**

Our next program: Glenn Dromgoole Christmas Book.

**Total Attendance:49**

**GAK Members: 42**

**Guests: 7**

**Visiting Kiwanians: 0**

## **BUCKET STUFF**

K\$'s: \$12

Goes toward Hixon award and Kiwanis Children's Fund

Bucket:\$45

Brag Bucket: \$28

Bucket monies DEC: Buy 150

Spaghetti Meals for Long ELC

Christmas Baskets

In-Kind Project DEC.: 150 stuffed animals for Long ELC

## **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**

Kent Barnett

A'Lisa Brooks

Keith Clifton

Justin Whiteley

## **DIRECTORS: TWO YEAR TERM**

Susan Holland

Steven Leggett

Doug Slack

Ikie Taylor

## **MOTTO:**

Serving the children of the world

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## **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA SCHEDULED FOR DEC. 13**

Gail Jay announced that "Wreaths Across America" is **Saturday, Dec. 13, Texas State Veterans Cemetery, 11 a.m.** Mark your calendars to attend this moving tribute to our veteran's. Our club donated funds to purchase 18 wreaths to be laid on veteran's graves this year.

## **TEACHER'S APPRECIATION COMING UP**

Doug Slack, Chair of Youth Services Partners-In-Education (Teacher Appreciation) for Stafford Elementary wants to treat the teachers to lunch on Friday, 12/12/25.

He is looking for volunteers to help shop for and deliver this holiday treat to the teachers. He will be sending out an email to the club with details.

## **CLUB HEARS PROGRAM FROM AISD SUPERINTENDENT**

Tom McAlister, Program Committee member, introduced Superintendent John Kuhn from AISD. Dr. Kuhn said that AISD is focused on building brighter futures. The School Choice Pilot was launched at Stafford & Martinez Elementaries this year and gives families more control over their child's education. Bowie and Purcell elementaries are planning to launch the regions' premier STEM-focused elementary academics. He also mentioned a program called Campus Circles that groups schools together to share coaches. Thanks to Dr. Kuhn for this great program.

## **MARINE CORPS RESERVE TOYS FOR TOTS NEEDS TOYS**



The club had some special visitors from the U.S. Marine Corp. SGT Vanobia announced that "Toys for Tots" is collecting toys and donations for toys to help the underserved community this Christmas season.

## **INTERCLUB TO ABILENE CLUB ON DECEMBER 17**

Joey Parker, Chair, would like to have an Interclub with the Abilene Club on Wednesday, December 17th. This will be their very special Annual Christmas Program. Please let him know if you can attend. There will be a sign-up sheet next week. We need to give them a head count in advance.

## **THIS & THAT**

The next Board Meeting is Wednesday, 12/10/25, 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

If you volunteer for a Kiwanis sponsored civic organization, please email or text Nancy Baker with your name, organization and number of hours per month so your volunteer hours can be included in our Kiwanis Monthly Report. Thank you.

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

## **KIWANIS EDUCATION:**

Kiwanis became international with the organization of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton in Ontario, Canada, in November 1916. However, the organization's official name, Kiwanis Club was not changed to Kiwanis International until the Constitutional Convention in Denver in 1924.