

# KI WEEKLY

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*Memory: The thing I forget with.*



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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 June 11th meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene was Called to Order at 12:01 PM by President Cameo Harvey. She gave Happy Birthday wishes to Nancy Baker on the 14<sup>th</sup> and Lee Stanley on the 17<sup>th</sup>. No club anniversaries this week.

Greeters were *Pete Hinman and Diane Terrell*. *Robert Atwood* led the club in prayer; *Steve Brown* led singing & *Micah Greaney* led the Pledge of Allegiance. Robert gave thanks for the blessing of rain received last week, Kiwanis, our programs that help children, our servant members and for today's meal and the hands that prepared it.

Susan Reid introduced the following guests—Crysta and Ellie Neil, Lt. Governor Lyndel Cook's daughter and granddaughter, Jennifer Hass, former member of our club, was the guest of Lt. Gov. Lyndel. Avery Almond was the guest of Mark Blakely and was also part of our program. Kiwanian Angela Nicolini brought her husband Michael Bob Starr as her guest. Welcome! ***The more members we have, the more hands to serve children!***

## T/O DISTRICT FOUNDATION CKI LEGACY AWARD

The Legacy Fund was established within the Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis District Foundation, a charitable 501(c)(3), in 2009 with a goal to create a base endowment of \$100,000 to support the members and leaders of the T/O District of CKI in their service, leadership and fellowship endeavors.

If a club donates to honor someone with the \$1,000 cornerstone patron recognition, the club will receive two spots. Greater Abilene has sponsored the CKI-HSU Circle K Club since 2017. Proceeds from the Legacy Fund will help support continuing efforts to grow this club.

Greater Abilene has a history of supporting the T/O Foundation through the CT Bush Award. As we have honored all current past presidents, we honor two Greater Abilene members with the T/O CKI Legacy Fund Award as Cornerstone Patrons for their long time service to Kiwanis, the children and our community. This will be a one-time award; next year we will revert to the CT Bush award.



## TWO MEMBERS RECEIVE CKI LEGACY AWARDS

Angela Nicolini and John Landers were presented CKI Legacy Fund Awards at the last two meetings. See the story to the left for more information on the CKI Legacy Award.

Angela has been a Kiwanian for more than 30 years. She was involved with CKI since the club considered CKI participation in 2016 and was a Faculty or Club advisor. She was the moving force regarding the golf tournament. She came up with the idea for the fundraiser and was the first chairperson and has served two times as Co-Chair of the Golf Fundraiser. Angela has served on numerous Kiwanis committees, Board of Directors and is a Club Past President.

John has been a Kiwanian for more than 39 years. He was responsible for the Youth Services Tooth Brush program for 27 years providing every AISD kindergarten students with a toothbrush, until local dentists took over the program. He was a founding member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene Foundation and has served on numerous Kiwanis committees and the board.



## MEET NEW MEMER RYAN MITCHELL

Kiwanian Alexa Vannatta introduced our newest member, Ryan Mitchell to the club last week. Thanks for being a part of our Kiwanis Club and helping the children in our community. Welcome to the club Ryan!

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## BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE BIG COUNTRY NEED SUMMER EMPLOYEES

Greater Abilene Kiwanian Gabe Gallegos said that the Boys and Girls Club of the Big Country are in need of summer employees. They currently have a waiting list for the kids and need more help for all the summer classes and projects. See poster to the left for more information.

They are also have the inaugural "Piece Out" Puzzle Tournament, benefiting Boys & Girls Club of the Big Country! The event will be July 18<sup>th</sup>, 4610 N. 10<sup>th</sup> at the T.J. Jones Club in Abilene Texas.

The doors open at 9 a.m. with family competitions, adult competitions and a drawing for Beef Raffle Winners. **Check it out on their FaceBook page.**

**Sponsorship Opportunities**

- Tournament Sponsor - \$3,000**  
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- Beverage Sponsor - \$2,000**  
Includes 4 players and your logo on cart
- Award Sponsor - \$1,000**  
Includes 4 players and signage at awards ceremony
- Swag Bag Sponsor - \$750**  
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- Hole Sponsor - \$300**  
Signage at 1 hole

Registration will be made available online at [driablenet.org](http://driablenet.org)

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**Disability Resources Incorporated**  
**Golf Tournament**

**Wednesday**  
**June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
Registration 7:30AM  
Shotgun Start 8:30AM  
**Abilene Country Club**  
North Course  
1030 South Tredegarway Blvd  
Abilene, TX 79602

## DISABILITY RESOURCES 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL DRI GOLF TOURNAMENT JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>

Steve Brown from DRI, Inc. announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual DRI Golf Tournament. See the poster above. Contact Steve if you would like information or would like to play to support them.



## CLUB SOCIAL AND COOKOUT COMING UP

President Cameo announced our Club's Social and Cookout is Saturday, 6/20/26, at the Festival Gardens by the Zoo, 4-6 PM. Please mark your calendars and "save the date." Plan to attend. Greater Abilene will provide food at no charge to members and their families. We will have a sign-up sheet as we get closer to the date. And bring any potential new members.

## **NEED TO KNOW STUFF.**

Our next program: :Danny Koch  
"Where have all the soldiers gone"

**Total Attendance: 37**  
**GAK Members: 33**  
**Guests:4**  
**Visiting Kiwanians:0**

## **BUCKET STUFF**

K\$'s: 36  
Goes toward Hixon award and  
Kiwanis Children's Fund  
Bucket:\$39  
Brag Bucket: \$10  
**Bucket monies JUNE:** purchase  
school supplies for Stafford  
Elementary School.  
**In-Kind Project JUNE:** collecting  
school supplies for Stafford  
Elementary School 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**

Kevin McSherry  
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  
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## **KI WEEKLY & CLUB INFO:**

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Meets weekly on Thursday, noon,  
The Beehive Restaurant, 442 Cedar,  
downtown Abilene.

**Website:**  
**[greaterabilenekiwanis.org](http://greaterabilenekiwanis.org)**



## **NEW PAYMENT METHOD FOR DUES**

Greater Abilene Kiwanis Treasurer Diane Terrell would like to announce some new payment methods for paying dues. See the QR codes and descriptions below.

**Left QR Code: One Time Donation or Dues, this will take any payment.**

**Middle QR Code: This is for setting up dues on a reoccurring basis.**

**Right QR Code: Allows member to enter payment info for the club to keep on file and charge when need be. Information will be held securely and in compliance with PCI.**



## **MENTORS CARE PROGRAM**

Kiwanian Angela Nicolini introduced our very own Mark Blakely with Mentor's Care. Mark also brought Avery Almond, who just graduated high school and was part of the Mentor's Care program.

Angela, Mark, Avery and Kiwanian Phi Hill, pictured above, left to right, all spoke about the importance of the program and how the Mentor's Care Program at Wylie High School can help improve the lives of school kids and bring up their grades.

Mentors are matched with students and only have to meet one hour a week with the kids. There are 79 students served and 77 mentors have been recruited. The program has improved attendance by 100% and improved grades by 92%. Students with discipline problems have decreased 83%. Thanks to Mark and all the volunteers, supporters and Mentors that help these students.

## **ONESIES AND TWOSIES**

***President Cameo announced that if any member is interested in attending T/O District Convention (DCON) July 23-25, 2026, to please let Nancy Baker know ASAP.***

**NO BOARD MEETING IN JULY!!!! The next Board Meeting is Wednesday, 8/12/26, 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.**

## **KIWANIS EDUCATION:**

The creation of districts is authorized by Section VI of the International Constitution. The International Board creates and supervises districts and establishes their boundaries. The district governor is the chief executive officer of a district and also an officer of Kiwanis International. Districts are organized into divisions and the chief executive of each division is the lieutenant governor.