

KI WEEKLY

Volume 3 Issue 30

August 6, 2026

The world isn't interested in the storm you encountered, but only if you brought in the ship.



Kiwaniis
CLUB OF GREATER ABILENE

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

MEETING NOTES

The August 6th Meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene was Called to Order at 12:01 PM by Club President Cameo Harvey. She gave Happy Birthday wishes to Greg Brenner (8/6) and A'Lisa Brooks (8/10), and Happy Kiwanis Anniversary wishes to Barry Gurley (8/7)—1 year and Joe Cook (8/12)—16 years. Thank you for your service to Kiwanis, our club and the children!

Greeters were *Pete Hinman and Diane Terrell*. *Phil Hill* led the club in prayer; *Lyndel Cook* led singing & *David Sivley* led the Pledge of Allegiance. Prayers were offered for Vance Cooksey recovering from eye surgery and George Woodfin recovering from a stroke.

Ikie Taylor introduced the following guests—CKI member McKenna Fambro, guest of Angela Nicolini; Paige Paxson, guest of Doug Slack; Jevan Mills, guest of Barry Gurley; and Blake Woodall, program speaker, guest of Tom McAlister. Welcome! ***The more members we have, the more hands to serve children!***

INTERCLUB REPORT

Interclub chair Joey Parker stated we had an Interclub yesterday at the Abilene Club. Thanks to Floyd Miller, their program speaker, David McCaghren, Lyndel Cook, Phil Hill and Joey Parker.

BACK TO SCHOOL GIFT CARDS PRESENTED

A sign-up sheet for the ***"Back to School Bash"*** on Saturday, 08/08/26 (see details to the right) was passed around at the meeting Thursday. ***Several Kiwanians have signed up so far, so come on out tomorrow to help!!!***

Angela Nicolini and Lyndel Cook had a special presentation for Darrin in conjunction with the Bash. They presented Darrin and the AISD Homeless Student Ministry with a \$100 gift card they received as the 1st Place award for Facebook/Website at DCON 2026. Lyndel also presented Darrin with a \$75 gift card he received as the 2nd Place award for Club Newsletter. These gift cards will help buy more school supplies and backpacks for the kids in Abilene. Thanks to Darrin for all his work and the help from many donors and volunteers.

5TH Annual Back to School

— RESOURCE FAIR & FAMILY FUN DAY —



SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026



9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM



TAYLOR COUNTY EXPO CENTER

1700 TX - 36
ABILENE, TX 79602



**FREE
BOUNCE HOUSES**



**FREE
BACKPACKS
WITH SUPPLIES**



**FREE
SNOW CONES**



**FREE
FACE PAINTING**

ENTER TO WIN PRIZES!



Come learn about resources in the area that are here to support you and your family!

FREE family fun activities and door prizes!



Backpacks with school supplies will be given to each child present, while supplies last.



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH TOMORROW!!!!

Kiwanian Darrin Cox announced that the Back to School Bash, August 8th, Expo Center, Resource Fair will be giving out backpacks, snacks, drinks and snowcones. Sponsorships vary between \$200-\$1,200. Contact Darrin for sponsorship form. Greater Abilene will also have a booth set up at the event.

Darren still needs volunteers to work at the "Back to School Resource Fair & Family Fun Day" at the Expo Center, 9 am to 1 pm. Please contact Darrin if you can help. Cell: 325-725-3682.



SHOTGUN RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Alexa Vannatta & Joey Parker, Co-chairs for the 2026-2027 Golf Fundraiser announced we are holding a **SHOTGUN RAFFLE** during August through September 3rd. Gear up for Dove Season. The drawing will be held on 09-10-26 for a brand-new **Foris Camo Max 5 12-gauge shotgun**, Chamber: 3.5", Finish: Full Camo. Tickets are \$25 each or five (5) for \$100. We accept cash, card, or check.

How it works:

1. Buy a raffle ticket from any Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene member before Sept 3rd.
2. Five finalist tickets are drawn on 09-03-26 and will be invited to our lunch.
3. The winner is drawn at the September 10th lunch meeting. (Finalists must be present at the 09-10-26 lunch).



Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene

SHOTGUN RAFFLE

KIWANIS CLUB FUNDRAISER

Gear up for dove season - drawing September 10

Every ticket supports our club's work in the community. Buy in, and you could head into opening weekend with a brand-new 12 gauge shotgun — winner drawn live at our weekly lunch meeting.

GRAND PRIZE - YOUR TICKET INTO OPENING WEEKEND

Foris Camo Max 5

Gauge: 12 Chamber: 3.5" / 89mm Finish: Full camo Condition: Brand new

\$25 per ticket

5 for \$100 best value bundle — just \$20 per ticket

We accept cash, card, or check.

HOW IT WORKS

- 01** Buy raffle tickets from any Kiwanis club member before September 3.
- 02** 5 finalist tickets are drawn on September 3 and invited to our lunch.
- 03** The winner is drawn live at the September 10 lunch meeting.

5 finalists drawn: September 3 Winner drawn live: September 10, at lunch

Location: The Beehive, 442 Cedar St, Downtown Abilene Finalists must be present at the September 10 lunch

Must be 18+ (or the legal minimum age to possess a firearm in your state) to purchase a ticket and to win. Winner must pass all required background checks and complete transfer through a licensed firearms dealer before taking possession; the club is not responsible for any delay in transfer due to background check results. Void where prohibited. Raffle conducted under [STATE/LOCAL CHARITABLE GAMING PERMIT #] by Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene, a registered nonprofit. All proceeds support local community service projects.

Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene

Tickets & questions: Alexa Vannatta or Joey Parker Find us at greaterabilenekiwanisclub.org

SHOTGUN RAFFLE SINGLE TICKET \$25



SHOTGUN RAFFLE BUNDLE 5 FOR \$100:



KIWANIANS ATTEND CHAMBER EVENTS

Kiwanians Susan Holland, Barry Gurley, Lauren Stephans, Shelley Drennan and Lt. Governor Lyndel Cook attended the Morning Edge in the Abilene Christian University Moody Coliseum Sky Box on Wednesday, August 5th. The Morning Edge is a networking event the first Wednesday of every month from 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. The event is usually sponsored by a member of the chamber.

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene is a member of the Abilene Chamber of Commerce. Our members are welcome to attend the many events sponsored by the Chamber.



DIVISION 35 RECEIVES AWARDS AT CONVENTION

The Division 35 of the Texas/Oklahoma District of Kiwanis International received several awards at the District Convention in Texasarkana, Texas. Divison 35 includes the Kiwanis Clubs of Abilene, Albany, Greater Abilene, Stamford and Sweetwater.

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene and the Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene each received awards for Distinguished Club, Bulletin, Facebook and Wedpage design. Congrats to the members of these clubs and thanks for all the hard work you do for the community.

NEED TO KNOW STUFF.

Our next program: Glen Pugh-
General Land Office & Veterans
Affairs

Total Attendance: 46
GAK Members: 42
Guests: 3
Visiting Kiwanians: 1

BUCKET STUFF

K\$'s: \$15
Goes toward Hixon award and
Kiwanis Children's Fund
Bucket: \$23
Brag Bucket: \$40
Bucket monies **AUG:** purchase
school supplies
In-Kind Project **AUG:** collecting
school supplies

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
world

KI WEEKLY & CLUB INFO:

Co-Editors:
Lyndel Cook and Nancy Baker.
Design: Lyndel Cook

Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene.
P.O. Box 312
Abilene, Texas 79604-0312

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

Website:

greaterabilenekiwanis.org



**GREATER ABILENE
KIWANIS RECEIVES
LOGOS FOR TWO
AWARDS FROM
TEXAS/OKLAHOMA
DISTRICT CONVENTION!!!**



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Co-chairs Susan Holland & Shelley Drennan announced the theme for our August Membership Drive—FOCUS ON “THE HOME.” Please invite guests especially members of these industries to join us for lunch. Real Estate Broker; Interior Decorator; Landscape Architect; Insurance Agent; Painter; Plumber; Electrician; A/C Tech; Furniture Salesperson; Architect; Carpet/Tile/Lumber or Building Career; Estate Planner; Apartment Manager; Building Contractor; Carpenter; Locksmith; Exterminator; Gardner.

PROGRAM WAS ON WEST CENTRAL TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DIST.

Tom McAlister, member of the Program Committee, introduced Blake Woodall from the West Central Texas Municipal Water District, today's speaker.

The Water District was created in 1955 under the authority of the Texas Constitution. It was formed for the primary goal of securing water rights and constructing Hubbard Creek Reservoir in Stephens County. This provides a water source for Abilene, Albany, Anson, and Breckenridge and focuses on maintaining the lake as well as the system of pumps and pipes that deliver the water. The District currently allocates water and expenses based on the formulas established and each city pays its share of the operating and administrative costs for the District activities. Thanks to Blake for bringing us an update on the water district.

ONESIES AND TWOSIES

CKI Advisor Angela Nicolini introduced visiting CKI member McKenna Fambro who is running for Lt. Governor for T/O District CKI. McKenna recently attended the CKI International convention

Membership: President Cameo asked that anyone who has invited a guest during this last Kiwanis year and they haven't joined, to please contact them. We would love to bring them back and have them fill out a membership application. The more members we have, the more hands available to serve children!

Greater Abilene purchased a box of 100 T/O District coloring books, Version 7 that will be given to Stafford Elementary kindergartners. Neil Tatom and Lyndel Cook have ads in his edition of the coloring books.

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. 2nd St.

KIWANIS EDUCATION:

An interclub meeting is one which is jointly planned and held by two or more Kiwanis clubs, or by a Kiwanis Club and any Kiwanis Junior, Circle K Club, Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids and or Aktion Club and duly announced as such in advance through club notices. No less than a visiting group of four, composed of Kiwanians or a minimum of two Kiwanis plus members of a Circle K, Key Club, and or Builders Club sponsored by the visiting Kiwanis club, must be in attendance.