

# **K** *The Kiwanis Club of Abilene* **KIWANIGRAM**

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## **MUSIC THERAPY WITH AUTISTIC CHILDREN**

**Cathy Knoll**

Cathy Knoll will be our guest speaker. She is a board-certified music therapist with over 30 years of experience. People with special needs in Cleveland, OH, Kerrville, TX and for the past 24 years those in Stephenville and Granbury in group homes, foster care facilities and public school special education programs have all benefited from her knowledge. She currently contracts services to the Stephenville, Glen Rose, Dublin, and Mineral Wells ISD's, and provides consultative services to agencies and universities around the country.

Cathy also facilitates the Special Joy Ministry for people with challenging behaviors and serious disabilities and their families. She is the author of a popular music therapy textbook and of six professional study courses, one of which focuses on autism. She has worked with scores of people with autism, some for as long as 24 years. Cathy will share insights and stories that will give us a glimpse into the world of autism and ways in which music can help maximize the potential of individuals with autism.

## **WHAT A MEETING! December 28, 2005**

### **THE INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE**

**Debi Wheeler**

Having traveled to many parts of the world Debi Wheeler is very much at home here in Abilene working with the International Rescue Committee, which opened in November of 2003. The International Rescue Committee serves Refugees-those fleeing their country of origin - both Asylees, those that have already fled their country of origin and, are already in the USA legally or illegally and, Victims of Human Trafficking, those that have been recruited through the use of force or fraud to work. Each individual receives \$400.00, which Debi and others use to arrange housing, food and basic furnishings for those arriving to the IRC Program. When a refugee arrives there are a number of things to be done. Orientations of the Community, Grocery Stores, Rights and Responsibilities and help to apply for a Social Security Card. Medicaid and food stamps are given but need to be re-applied for based on income shortly after arrival. The refugees must learn how to be independent very quickly. They must seek employment quickly too, as they have to pay back their airfares. Refugees are enrolled in English classes, have health screenings, get financial assistance for 1-4 months as well as 6 months of Case Management. The IRC typically pays the first four months rent and utility bills for refugees. They work with the refugees to help them understand budgeting, checks and money. Jobs and schooling are the most important things a refugee wishes to have and that the IRC can help to arrange. Debi stressed the fact that volunteers are always needed. It's a willingness to help someone from another country and a satisfaction that you have done a good deed that makes volunteers so special.



## OPENING CEREMONY FOR 12/28/05

**President Gordon Dowell** presided over the meeting. **Charles Kirkpatrick** led the singing and **Millie Braddy** played the piano. **President Dowell** led the prayer, **Billy Clay** led the pledge and **Rosanna Herndon** introduced the program.

### **Prayer Requests**

Roy Lewis as he continues with medical tests.

LuGene Lewis .

Nelda Wallace.

Van Boozer's son-in-law is waiting for a liver transplant.

Kimberley Cole's husband, James, is trying out for D.P.S.

Gary and Deonna Galbraith's son.

George Knight's wife has a broken leg.

All those affected by the Cross Plains fires.

*To those not mentioned, our prayers are still with you.*

### **SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE –THE MASTER PLAN**

*Teach me how to live, O Lord. Psalm 27:11*

An architect carefully creates a master plan for each new building, plotting all details on paper before the first beam of wood is cut or the first nail is driven into place. The integrity of the structure depends on the architect's skill and the degree to which the builders follow the master plan. God has a master plan for your life as well. When you disregard that plan or deviate from it in significant ways, you create an unstable structure that could come crashing down. When that happens, you must cling to hope and turn to God, the divine architect. He is always ready to help you rebuild your life. If it is too late for master plan A, then your faithful God will unfold the blueprint for master plan B.

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go, I will counsel you and watch over you. Psalm 32:8*

Prayer God, I will look to you as the architect of my life. Help me build wisely, according to your master plan. In Jesus name Amen.

### **Luncheon Cup Money for 12/28/2005 was \$36.28**

#### **BIRTHDAYS – January**

James Hallmark	8
Chris Carnohan	10

#### **ANNIVERSARIES-- January**

Theodore Ho	5
Jim Miller	9

## **GUESTS FOR 12/28/05**

**Ken Poyner** introduced the guests.

Gary Mock was the guest of Bill Clark.

Casey Metts was the guest of Don Williams.

David Bacon was the guest of Donald McDonald.

Debi Wheeler was a guest of the Program Committee.

Roma Howard from the Golden K Club of Clyde.

Lorne Sutherlin from the Greater Abilene Club.

George Woodfin from the Greater Abilene Club.

## **FUTURE PROGRAMS**

1/11/05-Membership with Doug Williamson and Kimberley Cole

1/18/05-Wiley's Jazz Band

1/25/05-Basketball Shoot Out Pep Rally

## **KIWANIS' CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Texas/Oklahoma District Convention – 2006**

**Mid-Winter Conference-Dallas- 2/17 & 2/18 2006**

**K-University-Dallas-March 4, 2006; International President Steve Simmons**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**Sponsor a member and get your name on this list!**

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Date</u>
J. R. Velasco	David Jones	10/26/05
Caroline Lee	Gordon Dowell	11/16/05
Robert Burch	Kenny Smith	12/7/05
John Thomas	Doug Williamson	12/14/05
David Bacon	Donald McDonald	12/28/05



David Bacon was inducted at this weeks meeting. David and his wife have two children, Michael and Kate. David is an Account Executive with KTAB-TV and a former Kiwanian. We welcome him back!

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## **PECANS**

The Administrative Account is looking healthier since we managed to sell all of those yummy pecans over the holidays. A total of \$850.00 was made. Thank you everyone!

## **BAGGED MULCH**

The Club has received a note from the Environmental Recycling Center with \$23.00 from the sale of bagged mulch this past year. The money will go to the Administrative Account. The program for 2006 will begin in February.

## **INTERCLUB – Greater Abilene-12/22/05**

Donald McDonald  
Lora Lynn Christensen  
Marcus Anderson  
Russell Johnson  
J.R.Velasco

## **SALVATION ARMY**

We will continue to ask for participants for the Disaster Preparedness Training on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2006. If you are interested the cost is \$10.00 and includes lunch. Sign up is until January 5<sup>th</sup>.



Kiwanian Chris Carnohan tells a joke.

## **FROM OUR FRIEND**

A note has come from our past Treasurer and friend Ron Colwell. He and his mother have settled in, having spent a quiet Christmas together in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This note was sent to Bill Hoogstra and I'll forward this portion to all of you.

Thanks for keeping in touch, Bill. It's great to be able to hear what is going on there even though I'm no longer able to be part of it. You and the Kiwanis Club of Abilene represent some very wonderful and dear people. If you don't believe me, just move away and then not be able to experience it in your life and see if you don't feel like a huge part of your inner being has been removed. I'll be praying that 2006 is a better year for all of us.

Ron Colwell

## NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful donation of \$2,033.58 to Big Brothers Big Sisters. We appreciate your support of the Tail Gate Party and are so pleased with the results.

Thank you all, once again, for your donation and continued support. We consider you a partner as we strive to make a BIG difference...one child at a time.

Sincerely,

Janet Ardoyno  
Chief Executive Officer

Tim Yandell  
Executive Director

*Thanks most of all for  
helping the children of  
Abilene.*

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your donation to the Abilene High-Cooper Livestock Show. You have been designated as a gold sponsor. Without the help of people such as you, this show would not be possible. You are helping support one of the greatest youth organizations in America. Our show will be January 14, 2006 at the AISD school farm. We would love to have you there. Your interest and support of our organization is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Cale Parson  
Chapter President

Kay Richards  
Chapter Advisor

## SOMETHING ELSE

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Detroit No. 1 Kiwanis Club (The First Kiwanis Club)

### Great and Grand Man Passes

The Detroit No. 1 Kiwanis Club has lost another grand member. George E. Buchanan, who won nation-wide fame because of his annual "On-To-Alaska-With-Buchanan" expeditions, passed away in a hospital at Stuart, Florida, Thursday, March 23. He had, as usual, been spending the winter at his Florida Estate, "All Serene", at Sewall's Point, Jensen, Florida, where he recently became a victim of influenza. On Monday, the 20<sup>th</sup> he was taken to the hospital and death came unexpectedly a few days later following two heart attacks.

The body was brought to Detroit Monday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, and a company of Detroit No. 1 members, headed by President Tom Hendra, was at the Union Depot to meet the early morning train and honor the memory of a greatly beloved Kiwanian.

The funeral services were held in the Consistory Cathedral of the Masonic Temple Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, under the auspices of the Detroit Comandery, and with Rev. Bertram W. Pullinger as the officiating clergyman. Rev. Pullinger paid a beautiful tribute to a fellow-Kiwanian. The body, clothed in a knights Templar uniform, lay in state for hours prior to the funeral, and many admiring friends from all walks of life came to pay their sincere respects to a great and good man. The display of flowers was most impressive and beautiful. Burial was in Woodlawn cemetery.

George Buchanan, both Scotch and Irish, was born in Thamesville, Ontario, January 29, 1869, and was 70 years old. His father died when he was a small boy and young George was forced to "paddle his own canoe" and plan and build his own destiny.

When George was quite young with an instinctive youthful bent for adventure, a philanthropic gentleman friend gave him the opportunity to partly pay his own way and enjoy the thrills of an ocean voyage to Ireland. This experience gave George an idea he never forgot and was the father of the "On to Alaska-With-Buchanan" enterprise established 17 years ago and which has resulted in giving more than 500 boys and some girls traveling joys and educational advantages that they will always remember.

The Alaska trip cost about \$135 for each boy. The boy earned a third, the parents furnished a third, and George loaned a third, returnable if or when circumstances permitted and conscience so decreed.

In 1935 girls were permitted to enjoy the Alaska trip and a small company of delighted little misses made the four-week tour under the efficient supervision of Mrs. Ella M. Kuhn. Girls have since been considered permanently eligible for annual participation in the Alaska invasion. Incidentally, eight sons and two daughters of the late Dr. Charles F. Kuhn and Mrs. Kuhn have been members of Buchanan-Alaska parties and one son only is left to go.

In 1892, when only 23 years of age, George Buchanan came to Detroit, and with but little money but plenty of vim and vision, started a small coal and wood yard. He was a great organizer and a man of rare business sagacity. His business grew and prospered. He became rich but “never lost the common touch.” He made friends and money on a big scale.

At the time of his passing George was president of five fuel companies—Buchanan & Huff, the Buchanan Coal & Coke Co., the Kraft Coal Co., the Diamond Coal & Coke Co., and the Buchanan Fuel & Supply Co.—and was vice president and treasurer of the Union Investment Co. He was also associated with the H. A. McDonald Creamery Co.

He is survived by five brothers, John of Thamesville, Ont.; Dr. Richard C., of Green Bay, Wis.; Alexander and S. Bentley of Vancouver, B.C., and Francis R.; of Detroit, a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Monteith, of London, Ont., and other relatives including George H. Buchanan, of Detroit, a nephew, who is known to a number of No. 1 Kiwanians.

For years George Buchanan has planned to have his On-To- Alaska-With-Buchanan, Inc., altruistic enterprise continue indefinitely following his passing, but details are not available at this time.

George Buchanan had been a Kiwanian since 1922—for 17 years—and he sincerely loved Kiwanis. He advertised Kiwanis from Detroit to Alaska, he and his boys were feted by Kiwanis clubs and for years the Kiwanis Club of Portland, Oregon, each year treated the Alaska juvenile troupers to a joy ride over the famous Columbia Highway.

George was a man of sterling character and highest ideals. He will be greatly mourned and missed in the Detroit Board of Commerce, by business and professional men generally, by many Masons and countless other people, because he was a big public-spirited man and everybody’s friend.

He will be missed by a vast number of boys and girls—Alaska visitors and potential Alaska visitors, who admired, revered and loved their hero, George Buchanan.

And George will be tremendously missed in Kiwanis, among Kiwanians and at Kiwanis meetings, because his presence was always an inspiration and his kindly smile a benediction.

*This man does not have as lengthy of a Kiwanis history as our own J.C.McCurdy's 48 years. He was, however an everyday man that took charge of his life. He made his own success and gave very generously what ever he could to help others, especially children. I guess I'm just saying that we all must know someone, no matter what they do, no matter their age or race that we can find to be another Kiwanian this year. Make a new friend and bring them to a meeting, they may just be surprised how rewarding it is to be a Kiwanian. I know I was, and just like my great, great uncle George E. Buchanan I'm glad to belong.*

Caroline Lee

**KIWANIS IS WHERE A NEED IS**