

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

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## **MEMBERSHIP** **This Week's Program**

**Kiwanian #1:** Wow! Wasn't that program great last week?

**Kiwanian #2:** It sure was.

**Kiwanian #1:** It was hard to see those kids and realize all they were missing in their lives.

**Kiwanian #2:** Cathy sure must be a special lady to be so dedicated to work with those challenged teens.

**Kiwanian #1:** I heard the next program is going to be about membership. Oh, great.

**Kiwanian #2:** I guess they'll get up and harp on how we need more members. They'll try to make me feel bad because I haven't brought in any new members.

**Kiwanian #1:** Then they will come up with some sort of contest to get us to bring new member's.

**Kiwanian #2:** If that is what the program will be, I don't think I'll go.

**Membership Co-Chair Kimberley Cole:** Well, the program is about membership, but you are not going to be brow beaten, or made to feel guilty.

**Membership Co-Chair Doug Williamson:** This week's program will be interesting and educational. I think you'll get a better feeling and a stronger appreciation for Kiwanis. And, I promise, you'll leave with a smile.

**Kiwanian #1:** After hearing that, I'm definitely going to be there.

**Kiwanian #2:** Me to.



## **WHAT A MEETING! January 4, 2006**

### **MUSIC THERAPY WITH AUTISTIC CHILDREN** **Cathy Knoll**

It was a pleasure to have Cathy Knoll as our first guest of 2006. Cathy is the sister of Kiwanian Tom Dolan, wife of Ed, mother of Dwight, who had accompanied her and Thomas. Cathy is well known and loved by all because she makes a difference in peoples lives. To help us understand what her work involves, Cathy showed us pictures of the children she helps. Some autistic children may hide, scream and have generally disruptive behavior. The families of these children are frustrated and find they can't go into public with their



children because of these issues. The repetitive behaviors of a little girl, not being able to read, having no academic or social skills, eating only one or two food items because the textures are strange and bothersome, finding high pitch sounds are very difficult to deal with have all left society to believe this condition is all the parents fault.

Cathy was able to explain that this was not the case. Using coins and a coin sorter she made a visual picture of how we take in information and sort it correctly. Information for these children bounces all around and cannot be processed. When this happens the child has information overload. This is a neurological disability. Autistic people must have structure, no surprises and no changes in routines. A young boy that Cathy has worked with would throw anything if given the opportunity. With Cathy's dedication and work to facilitate the Special Joy

Ministry for people with challenging behaviors and special disabilities, and their families, this boy can hold a musical instrument. He and others can look forward to her music classes. In fact such dedication has recently made this fellow able and determined to go on his first sleep over. Cathy's wish for, and work with music will not cure autism but will remain a helpful tool in what takes many years of dedication to help persons with autism reach their maximum ability. Thank you to Cathy for sharing her special gift of music with all of us, and those who need her most!

### **OPENING CEREMONY FOR 1/4/06**

**President Gordon Dowell** presided over the meeting. **David Jones** led the singing and **Millie Braddy** played the piano. **Doug Williamson** led the prayer, **Ted Ho** led the pledge and **Tom Dolan** introduced the program.

### **Prayer Requests**

Roy Lewis.

LuGene Lewis.

Nelda Wallace.

Van Boozer's son-in-law is feeling well, but still 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.

Don't forget to pray for RAIN!

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

## **SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE – ICE STORMS**

*Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness; To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee forever. Psalm 30:11-12*

Icicles hang from the eaves of houses and the branches of trees. They are visible testaments that cold winds and freezing temperatures followed the rain too closely. The morning and afternoon rays of the sun beat down upon them in an effort to melt them away drop by drop.

The bitter winds of calamity blow across your life; sometimes they follow too soon on the heels of other losses and disappointments. Your tears turn to ice. Ruinous troubles and afflictions weigh you down. Your emotions are locked in their cold grip. But it doesn't matter, because even then God is able to reach you with the sunlight of his love, melting away your frozen places. As long as you place your hope in him, no icy prison can hold you.

*Whoever is wise, let him heed these things and consider the great love of the LORD. Psalm 107:43*

Prayer: God, when my heart seems to be locked in sorrow's icy grip, I will look to you for help and place my hope in the sunlight of your love. In Jesus name Amen.

## **BIRTHDAYS – January**

Jim Berry	11
Theodore Ho	13
Gary Bomar	15
Nancy Miller	16
Kristen Carnohan	17

## **ANNIVERSARIES - January**

Ken Poyner	17
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## **GUESTS FOR 1/4/05**

**Linda Foegerson** introduced the guests.

Karri Leavenworth was the guest of Russell Leavenworth.

Earlene Clay was the guest of Billy Clay.

Ken Nichols was the guest of Lora Lynn Christensen.

**Luncheon Cup Money for January 4, 2006 was \$49.79**

## **FUTURE PROGRAMS**

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 @ the Harvey Hotel in Irving, TX -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

## **MEMBERSHIP BANNER**

Has your name appeared on the new membership banner? Let's continue to bring friends and colleagues to our meetings. Make it your New Years Resolution!

## **PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

Bill Zavatson acknowledged those listed below with perfect attendance. Thanks to Van Boozer for helping him to pass out the pins.

Henry McGinty	42 years	LuGene Lewis	5 years
Marcus Anderson	18 years	Lora Lynn Christensen	3 years
Joe Felton	15 years		

Congratulations to all of you!

## **BOARD MEETING REMINDER**

The Kiwanis Board will meet at Briarstone, 12:00 noon, Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to attend. You will get a better understanding of how the club functions and learn about the important decisions that are made. **New members** can have a ribbon cut by attending.

## **DIVISION 35 COUNCIL MEETING**

The Division 35 Council Meeting will be held at the Spaghetti Warehouse, in the Mall of Abilene, 6:30 pm Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **MID-WINTER CONFERENCE**

Any one wishing to attend the Mid-Winter Conference in February needs to get their registration forms filled out as soon as possible.

## **INTERCLUB -Greater Abilene Club-12/29/05**

Keith Garner  
Jeff Goodin  
Russell Johnson  
Neil Tatom-Lt. Governor

## **INTERCLUB -North Abilene-12/30/05**

Donald McDonald  
Nancy Miller  
Bill Hoogstra  
Caroline Lee

Our meetings are so interesting! Just look at these happy Kiwanians, and remember :



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

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