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WILEY HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND

The Wylie Band Program has been under the direction of Mr. Mike Lunney for eight years. Mr. Lunney's wife Jeannie directs the Junior High Band and he credits her with sending him very well prepared musicians.

The Jazz Band members have to audition in order to make this band, and are a very select group.

Mr. Luke McMillan is in his second year as director of the Jazz Band and they have already won several contests including the "Outstanding Band" in Division 3A at the Texas Christian University Jazz Festival last year.

Mr. Mcmillan graduated from Wylie High School in 1999 and from the University of North Texas in 2003. He has placed a record number of his musicians in all-region and all-area Jazz Bands. He assists with the marching band, the beginning band program and actively composes music for several area high school and college bands.

WHAT A MEETING! January 25, 2006

BASKETBALL SHOOTOUT PEP RALLY

Arranged by DAVID JONES



The 9TH Annual Basketball Shootout Pep Rally was another great success. Thank you to David Jones for his continued hard work at making this event more successful each year. The promotional flyer looks beautiful too!

David brought with him members of the teams from McMurray and Hardin-Simmons Universities. Each of the coaches spoke and members were introduced. It was interesting to hear that both team members and

children at Meek Children's Hospital learned a lot about each other during a recent visit there. We are all blessed!

Courtney Kennedy who is the Hendrick Children's Miracle Network Coordinator was also present. She came to say "Thank You" and spoke about the two schools good deed of coming together with the Kiwanis Club nine years ago to do this event. "One of the best things about the game is that the miracle children are allowed to come into





the dressing rooms and this experience and the prayers for these children have a lasting effect on them” she said. This years children are Logan Rosenquist and Michael Bingaman. Last years game raised \$3500.00. Meek Children’s Hospital has used the money to purchase medical equipment, specifically a radiant warmer for newborn babies. During 2005 Meek Children’s Hospital and other children’s services at Hendrick treated more than 32,000 children from Abilene and it’s surrounding area.

Please Please contact David if you are able to help with

the event on Monday, January 30th. Games begin with the Women at 5:30 pm and the Men at 7:30 pm.

OPENING CEREMONY FOR 1/25/06

President Gordon Dowell presided over the meeting. **David Jones** led the singing and **Millie Braddy** played the piano. **Bruce Davis** led the prayer, **President Dowell** led the pledge and **David Jones** introduced the program.

Prayer Requests

Gordon Dowell, for his vision.

Bill Alexander has had kidney failure and is on dialysis in Hendrick Health System.

Gloria Fanous, her mother is in a coma.

John Fred Phillips will have hip surgery.

Sheila, granddaughter of Carlene Campbell has lost her eye and suffered a stroke.

Billy Yarborough.

Nelda Wallace.

Gary and Deonna Galbraith’s son.

Van Boozer’s son-in-law still awaits a liver transplant.

Chester McAlpin.

Billy Clay.

Kimberley Cole’s husband, as he makes decisions about D.P.S.

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-WHAT REALLY MATTERS

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. Psalm 126:5-6

Athletes often find it necessary to preserve and go beyond the pain of injury. They continue playing in order to finish the game. They are trained to focus their attention on what really matters in competition—the win.

Loss and disappointment can cause you to lose sight of the things that are truly important in your life. You may want to leave the playing field and nurse your injury on the sideline; you may want to give in to hopelessness and despair. If you let that happen, however, you forget that others are counting on you to stay in the game. You forget that God created you to win. The miraculous love of God can help you see past the pain and find a new level of strength and courage.

God, I must keep my promises to you. I will give you my offerings to thank you, because you have saved me from death. You have kept me from being defeated. So I will walk with God in light among the living. Psalm 56:12-13

Prayer: God, thank you for helping me stay in the game and focus on what really matters—winning in life! In Jesus name Amen.

There are no Birthdays or Anniversaries this week!

GUESTS FOR 1/25/06

Bill Clark introduced the guests.

Alex Rose was the guest of John Thomas.

Diane Martin and Betty Hammons were guests of Glyn Hammons.

Britt Jones was the guest of David Jones.

Dennis Hayes was the guest of Kenny Smith.

Earlene Clay was the guest of Billy Clay.

John Thomas was the guest of Russell Berry.

Essie Wilson, Nelson Wilson, Bobbi Bieberly, David Fairchilds and Carl Brown were all Guests from the Greater Abilene Club.

Sixteen additional guests to help with the Pep Rally.

Luncheon Cup Money for January 25, 2006 was \$38.28



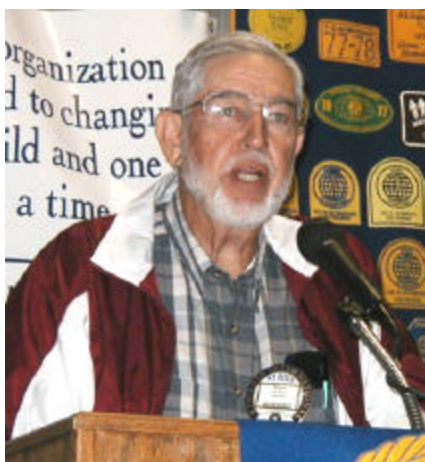
PANCAKE DOLLARS

Kimberley Cole presented a check to Mark Young of The Boys and Girls Club in the amount of \$500.00. The money will continue to help make a positive place for kids.

Russell Berry presented a check to John Thomas of The Ben Richey Boys Ranch in the amount of \$500.00. Continuing

support like this donation is greatly appreciated by everyone at the Ranch.

Russell Berry also presented Jamie Breed of Harmony Family Services with a check in the amount of \$500.00. With 150 children going through the shelter each year this money will help with repairs to the boys bathroom.



SEE BY THREE PROGRAM

A project of our club that's success comes with the help of volunteers, such as those from the Key City and Clyde Kiwanis Clubs.

Glyn Hammons discussed what the See By Three Program is. It is an "eye screening" program for three and some four year olds. The program works to help find children with "Lazy Eyes" and perhaps other eye complications so that these difficulties can be corrected. Glyn invited those able to help with this program to do so.

Twenty-one screenings were held in the fall. Of the 317 children tested, 260 had passed, 41 were re-screened, and 16 were given referrals. Glyn is trying to retrieve information on the children who were referred so we may have a better

idea of the good we've been able to do and will bring the equipment that is used for screenings to show us in the future. The success of the program continues with WIC's Health Day in March.

Team Leaders were Diane Fogerson, Lora Lynn Christensen and Diane Martin. Clarence Presswood helped coordinate the volunteers. Roma Howard was the leading volunteer. Betty Hammons was in charge of the typing, phone calls, scheduling and last minute details.

We have approx. 40 volunteers and were able to use similar equipment to ours that the Aldersgate Mission task force has kindly offered to share.

Thank you to all of you involved in this Program.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

2/8/06-IT'S OUR 85TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!!

2/15/06- Lt.Gov. Neil Tatom

2/22/06-Craig MacFarlene-Motivational Speaker

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
Gary Mock	Bill Clark	1/18/06

President's Challenge: Membership Growth

A challenge to you to help the Kiwanis Club of Abilene

There are rewards:

January 25th thru March 1st 2006

1 new member being inducted during this period=

a gift certificate for one person to Copper Creek.

2 new members being inducted during this period=

a gift certificate for two persons to Copper Creek.

3 or more new members being inducted during this period=

a night at the Ambassador Suites Hotel, Abilene.

Everyone can receive a reward for contributing to membership growth.

(this is not funded from Kiwanis funds!).

This is for those who want to share the joy of Kiwanis and who believe in service to the community, especially youth.

SaveOurSchools COMMITTEE

There is a new committee!

Chairmen are: Charles Kirkpatrick and Russell Berry.

New Committee Members are: Russell Leavenworth, J.R.Velasco, Don Scargall,
Jerry Harris, Russell Johnson, Bill Clark, Susan Clark

COMMITTEE REMINDER

The SOS Committee will meet at Briarstone, 11:15 am, Wednesday February 1st. This will be just before our regular Wednesday Club meeting.

INTERCLUB SWEEPS

Reminder! It's Sweeps week-If you haven't gone to a meeting at another club now is the time to do it. Curtis Blackburn spoke again about making an interclub sweep. The club will make an interclub at each club in our division and will also include Cross Plains to show our support those that have suffered from the recent fires.

BOARD MEETING REMINDER

The Kiwanis Board will meet at Briarstone, 12:00 noon, Thursday February 9th. 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 this meeting.

CHILI DAY AND AUCTION

The Greater Abilene and the North Abilene Kiwanis Clubs have tickets available for their Annual Chili Day and Auction that will take place on February 25th. Tickets are \$4.50 in advance, \$5.00 at the door and books of 10 for \$35.00 (\$3.50 each). See you all there!

THE SALVATION ARMY DISASTER TRAINING



What a wonderful turnout our club had at the Salvation Army on Butternut Street on Saturday. We had the most participants with Roy and LuGene Lewis deciding to join us. Many of the local Kiwanis Clubs participated in the Disaster Training program. It was an all day event with Betty Bradley, Executive Director, Meals on Wheels Plus, Inc. and David Fairchilds, President, Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene as our instructors.

Major James Parrish and Alton Gardner, both with The Salvation Army were there to speak to us and lend a helping hand.

The information that we all received was invaluable. We shared prayer, good food and fellowship.

In the end we all received disaster training badges, and certificates, and left knowing that we could make a difference to those in need should a situation arise.

INTERCLUB –Salvation Army Training-1/21/06

Marcus Anderson, Russell Berry, Chris Carnohan, Kristen Carnohan, Lora Lynn Christensen, Caroline Lee, LuGene Lewis, Roy Lewis, Nancy Miller, Clarence Presswood.

KIWANIS IS WHERE A NEED IS SERVED