

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

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## **LEDESSA WHITE AND THE COMMUNITY SINGERS**

Ledessa White, coordinator for the Abilene Community Ensemble, has served as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal in the Abilene Independent School District. Currently, she serves as the Assistant Director of Elementary Education in the district and musician for the Macedonia Baptist Church. All of the members in the ensemble are *Ministers of Music* at various churches in the community. They are as follows:

Ella – Minister of Music at Dyess AFB Chapel

Richard – Minister of Music at St. Paul Methodist

Marie – Minister of Music at New Light Baptist

Ledessa - Minister of Music at Macedonia Baptist

Sandy-Minister of Music at Aldersgate United Methodist Church

We look forward to hearing them perform patriotic songs for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Wednesday's meeting.

WHAT A MEETING! June 21, 2006

## **SGT. KIM VICKERS ABILENE POLICE DEPARTMENT**



Division Sergeant for the Abilene Police Department, Sgt. Vickers discussed the offenses and crimes that are handled by his division. He also discussed the juvenile system of punishment vs. the adult system. Here juveniles are given a second chance, being offered rehab instead of punishment for their wrong doings. This is one of the premier youth divisions in the country and one that secures complete confidentiality to protect the child.

Sgt. Vickers talked about juvenile crime here in Abilene noting that it is steadily decreasing, there are no gangs-compared to other cities, with most juvenile crimes involving theft and burglary, these crimes are crimes of opportunity, and occur between 4-8 pm.

An important part of his presentation was discussing today's juvenile crime vs. the past. Here the biggest change in juvenile crime is the parents and the number of grandparents that are raising children today. Nationwide, juvenile crime has gotten more violent, more deadly weapons are being used while the use of drugs has remained fairly constant, and Marijuana has remained prevalent throughout the years. The internet has become a part of everyday life and kids use it as a form of communication and expression. It is not a juvenile crime issue but more of a victim issue. Think about it! The internet today is America's Bathroom wall. It was a most informative topic and many Kiwanians were able to direct their questions to Sgt. Vickers.

## OPENING CEREMONY FOR 6/21/06

President Gordon Dowell presided over the meeting. Charles Kirkpatrick led the singing and Millie Braddy played the piano. Curtis Blackburn led the prayer; David Jones led the pledge and Melvin Martin introduced the program.

### Prayer Requests

H. B. Terry as he is treated for a spider bite.  
Darrell Flippo.  
Roland Williams for back problems.  
For the two friends of Kimberley Cole with cancer.  
Kimberley Cole's friend's son.  
Billy Clay is having radiation treatments.  
Nelda Wallace.  
Lee Hagelstein's wife Terri.  
*To those not mentioned, our prayers are still with you.*



### SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE –TEARS IN A BOTTLE

*Thou taltest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book? Psalm 56:8*

The verse above paints a word-picture that is at once hard to believe and awe-inspiring. Like a woman who saves a rare perfume in a bottle, God stores your tears in his bottle and records them in his book. The divine book-keeper chronicles every twist and turn you take down the path of life.

When Davis wrote this psalm, he was running for his life from King Saul's men. His cry to the Lord did not fall on deaf ears: God knew and cared about them. Your tears won't be wasted either. Through you may not be in mortal danger, it's a comfort to know that God notes your every teardrop, just as he notices when one tiny sparrow falls from a tree.

*LORD, my Rock, I call out to you for help. Do not be deaf to me. If you are silent, I will be like those in the grave. Hear the sound of my prayer, when I cry out to you for help. I raise my hands toward your Most Holy Place. Psalm 28:1-2*

Prayer: Cushion me, dear God, when I am on pins and needles. I know you can clear the darkest sky and bring day to night. In Jesus Name, Amen.

### BIRTHDAYS June/July

Bruce Davis	30
Dub Pritchett	30
Roy Dent	4

### ANNIVERSARIES-June/July

Richard Pike	30
Melvin Martin	1

### Luncheon Cup Money for June 21, 2006 was \$40.96



### RIBBONS CUT

President Dowell cut ribbons of John Thomas and Robert Burch.  
Both had recently attended a Board Meeting.

### THE JOKE

Doug Williamson had the pleasure of telling a joke that left us all laughing. President Dowell then, decided to save his for another day!



## THANK YOU

President Dowell once again thanked the Pancake Day Silent Auction Committee, Lora Lynn Christensen, Lynda Fogerson, LuGene Lewis and Caroline Lee for their continued hard work to help make the event such a success. He gave a special thank you to LuGene Lewis for taking charge of all of the thank you letters to the numerous donors this year.

## GUESTS FOR 6/21/06

**Ty Purcell** introduced the guests.

Madi Brown was the guest of Millie Braddy.

Dennis Hayes was the guest of Kenny Smith.

Doug Allmand was the guest of Alan Eggleston.

Vick Vickers was the guest of Donald McDonald.

Earlene Clay was the guest of Billy Clay.

George Woodfin, Lorne Sutherlin, Bobbi Bieberly, Lee Stanley and Margaret Stanley were guests from the Greater Abilene Club.

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

07/05/06-Sheri Easton "Sears Methodist Retirement System"- Margaret Hoogstra

07/12/06-Tentative-Jim Ed Field "Agriculture in Brazil"-Gary Bomar

07/19/06-Dr. Jim Wilson "Friends of the Library" (Topic to be advised)

07/26/06-Tentative-Dr. George A. Newman

AUGUST-dates to be advised.

Barney Johnson-"Scottish Rite Hospital"

FBI

Wind Power

# MEMBERSHIP

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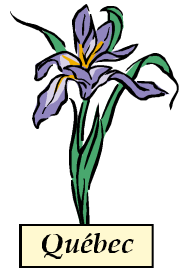
<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Date</u>
J. R. Velasco	David Jones	10/26/05
Caroline Lee	Gordon Dowell	11/16/05
Robert Burch	Kenny Smith	12/7/05
John Thomas	Doug Williamson	12/14/05
David Bacon	Donald McDonald	12/28/05
Gary Mock	Bill Clark	1/18/06
Casey Metts	Don Williams	2/1/06
Donovan Henderson	James Hallmark	2/15/06
Tonia Lovelady	Kelly Jones	3/8/06
Alex Rose	John Thomas	3/8/06
Alan Eggleston	Caroline Lee	4/5/06
David McWright	John Thomas	4/19/06



## SHARE KIWANIS



**KIWANIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**Kiwanis International Convention, Montreal, Quebec,**  
**Canada-6/28-7/2 2006**  
**Texas/Oklahoma District Convention at Sea 8/17--8/21 2006**



**NOTES OF THANKS**

Gentlemen:

Please accept our sincere appreciation on behalf of the youth, Board Members and Staff of the YMCA of Abilene for your contribution to our “2006 Partners with Youth” Campaign.

Your faithful support means that a deserving youngster will not be denied because he or she does not have the funds for participation. It also means there will be dedicated men and women to guide our youth at a time when it is so vitally needed.

Again, thank you for your generous contribution.

Sincerely,

Janelle Plowman, Interim President/CEO

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Dear Friends:

Thank you for your company’s generous contribution of \$250.00 to the Alzheimer’s Association-North Central Texas Chapter. Your sponsorship of our 2006 Abilene Memory Walk is appreciated. Memory Walk provides a significant portion of our annual budget and this funding source enables us to continue our programs and services for those coping with this devastating disease.

Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer’s disease through the advancement of research and to enhance care and support for individuals, their families and caregivers. It is because of generosity like yours that we are able to continue providing much-needed services throughout our 40 county service area.

Thank you for supporting the Alzheimer’s Association as we work toward our goal of a world without Alzheimer’s.

Sincerely,

Derral Reed, Governing Board Member

**INTERCLUB-North Abilene-6/16/06**

Donald McDonald, Ray King, Bill Hoogstra, Van Boozer, Dennis Laster, Nancy Miller, Keith Garner.

**SOMETHING ELSE**

Mark Young announced that 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks this year will not be held at ACU’s Crutcher Scott Field as in previous years. The event is being moved to Nelson Park. It will be called the Big Country 4<sup>th</sup> of July Family Festival and proceeds will benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Abilene.

Mark wanted to let us know that he is in need of three more businesses or individuals willing to sponsor games for the children for the event. The cost is \$100.00 and the games will run from noon until the fireworks begin. Please contact Mark Young if you can help at 672-1712.



## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

*Briarstone Manor is located at:*

*101 Elpens Court, Abilene, TX 79604*

*325-677-3711*

*Meetings are every Wednesday at Noon*



### 2005-2006 OFFICERS

<i>Gordon Dowell</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Margaret Hoogstra</i>	<i>President-Elect</i>
<i>David Jones</i>	<i>Vice-President</i>	<i>Ricki Brown</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Carl Lockett</i>	<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Kimberley Cole</i>	<i>Foundation Treasurer</i>
<i>Clarence Presswood</i>	<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Nell Sims</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Bill Hoogstra</i>	<i>Immediate Past President</i>	<i>Henry McGinty</i>	<i>Assistant Secretary</i>

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