

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

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## **JIM ED FIELD**

### **Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership**

**"Preparing men and women in agriculture for leadership responsibilities."**

TALL will create a cadre of Texas leaders to help ensure effective understanding and encourage positive action on key issues, theories, policy and economics that will advance the agriculture industry. Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership is a competitive leadership development program that includes seminars with experts, on-site tours, meetings with business and government leaders, international study and personal skills improvement. It is funded by dedicated individuals and institutions through private gifts and grants. Participants pay tuition, and the Texas Cooperative Extension provides administrative support. The TALL program is designed for men and women in the early stages of their leadership careers. Each class consists of at least 25 people, who are associated with agriculture. Participants come from every sector of agriculture and all parts of Texas.

For agriculture to remain dynamic, well informed leaders must emerge. The Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership (TALL) program prepares young men and women, dedicated to agriculture, for the leadership challenges ahead.

Jim Ed Field recent graduate will be speaking on the TALL Program, especially on this recent trip to view Agriculture in Brazil. Jim Ed is a 1998 Graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in Ag Development. He completed his M.S. from Texas Tech University in 2000. Currently he is in the role of president of the local First Ag Credit Office.

Jim is a native of Morton, Texas, but spent his early childhood in Abilene while his father Sam Field was Assistant County Agent in Taylor County. Jim Ed is active in the Taylor County Ag Committee, Greater Abilene Kiwanis Club, Abilene Chamber of Commerce, as well as Pioneer Drive Baptist Church. He and his wife Sara have three sons, Connor, Jackson, and Harrison.

**WHAT A MEETING!** July 5, 2006

## **SHERRI EASTON**

### **Sears Methodist Retirement System**

Sherri Easton discussed Technology and the care of the elderly as well as an exciting new program that Sears Methodist is spear heading. Sherri holds a degree in nursing from Midwestern, a Masters from ACU in Gerontology/Nursing, is a certified Legal Nurse Consultant and has been in Home and Community Services for 16 years. She has been with Sears Methodist Retirement System for 11 years. Sherri is married with two children age 4 and 9.

Sherri has traveled extensively within the USA, working with different Universities, Institutions and Manufacturers. Sherri has been to the Technology Pavilion in Washington D.C. to do small presentations.



She discussed assistive technology that is emerging in the market place and things that are not available in the United States. She told us that research is being done with a company from England as well as one from Canada while there is another in the Netherlands that they will be using for technology and research.

This is such an important program because as a nation we are growing older, the cost of health care is increasing and the number of people to care for us is decreasing. In her power point presentation we were able to see what some of the technology looks like. Smart Clothes for example, will monitor vital signs; the technology is built into the weave of the fabric. There are remote presence robots too. The future will even offer Chester the talking medicine cabinet. Such technology encourages independence, and it postpones disability. It would be available and monitored 24 hours a day seven days a week it would have built in safety tools and be upgradeable over time.

### **OPENING CEREMONY FOR 6/28/06**

**Gordon Dowell** presided over the meeting. **Marcus Anderson** led the singing and **Millie Braddy** played the piano. **Nancy Miller** led the prayer; **Caroline Lee** led the pledge and **Margaret Hoogstra** introduced the program.

### **Prayer Requests**

Marcus Anderson's wife Shirley as she recuperates from a July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks incident.

John Thomas's wife Erin is suffering with back problems.

H. Bedford Furr.

H. B. Terry.

Darrell Flippo.

Billy Clay.

Nelda Wallace.

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



### **SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE MAKING A SANCTUARY FOR THE SPIRIT**

*Our God, here in your temple we think about your love. Psalm 48:9*

Some people find that designating a specific time and creating a particular place to meet with God helps them bring more focus and consistency to their quiet time. It is good advice. Some people like to set aside time in the morning. But any time of the day or night will work just fine. Where you meet with God each day is also a matter of personal choice. It can be anywhere, inside or outside, if it is quiet, peaceful, and conducive to reflection and meditation.

Although you pray throughout the day, and even are instructed to pray constantly, having a little retreat from the world's cares is a great boost for your prayer life. A retreat can bring the full attention of your heart and mind to God.

*I wake up early in the morning and cry out. I hope in your word. I stay awake all night so I can think about your promises. Psalm 119:147-148*

Prayer: God, thank you for meeting me whenever I come before you. Let me leave the world behind as I bask in the wonder of your love for me. In Jesus name, Amen.

### **BIRTHDAYS July**

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Patricia Lee    | 14 |
| J. C. McCurdy   | 15 |
| Roy Lewis       | 16 |
| Donna McCartney | 16 |
| Nelda Wallace   | 16 |

### **ANNIVERSARIES-July**

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Lora Lynn Christensen | 15 |
| C. W. Stephensen      | 15 |
| John Snapp            | 18 |

**Luncheon Cup Money for July 5, 2006 was \$49.44**

## 91<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

President Dowell gave an overview of last weeks International Convention in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. He and his wife Dorothy, Doug Williamson and his wife Frances, and Margaret Hoogstra were in attendance. President Dowell noted that there had been approx. 5,500 in attendance for the exciting and inspiring convention. Kiwanis is alive and well, it has a bright future that depends upon each and every one of us to make a difference. International President Steve Siemens, who happens to be a certified professional speaker, spoke as did a speaker from UNICEF regarding iodine deficiency, the executive director spoke about the new multimedia center that is being built in Indianapolis, Indiana. The new International President is Nelson Tucker from California. Next year s convention will be held in San Antonio.



## STATE 4-H SHOW

Royce Manning announced again that it is time for the State 4-H Horse Show, July 24<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>. There is a need for individuals to volunteer at the gates to greet everyone and also to give out stalling cards. There will be five shifts per day for the six-day event, three people per shift. Please come out and lend a hand if you can. You may call Jennifer or Amy at the Expo Center at 672-0648.

## MEMBERSHIP

Doug Williamson asked the club members to stand to show how they were invited to join the club. His questions were as follows: Had you received a letter? Was the club mentioned in a commercial on television or on the radio? Was it on the Internet? Had it been through an ad in the newspaper? The responses to Doug s questions were not overwhelming.

Doug s question to the club was this: When was the last time we had invited someone? I think we all understood and the point was well taken!

Thank you Doug.

## MEETINGS

The Program Committee monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> this month.

The monthly Board meeting will be held the following Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings are held at Briarstone Manor at 12 noon.

We encourage you all to attend a meeting.

## GUESTS FOR 6/5/06

**Kelly Jones** introduced the guests.

Sharon Ammos and Michelle Bowers were guests of Sheila Watts.

Allen Close was the guest of J. C. McCurdy.

Rob Smith was the guest of Margaret Jolly.

Sabrina Arnica was the guest of Carl Lockett.

Mike Bannister was a guest from the Greater Abilene Club.

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

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

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     |
| 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

Texas/Oklahoma District Convention at Sea 8/17--8/21 2006

INTERCLUB-Greater Abilene-6/6/06

Russell Johnson, Doug Williamson, Ray King, Russell Berry

### NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Kiwanis Club Members,

Thank you for the contribution given to APAC in support of our Kindermusik program. What a wonderful gift! We appreciate the encouragement you have given and look forward to the beginning of another fabulous season. On behalf of all of us here at APAC, my sincerest thanks.

Lanie Westman

### SOMETHING ELSE

#### AMENDMENTS TO KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL BY-LAWS

Submitted by President Gordon Dowell

Ten amendments to Kiwanis International By-Laws were proposed at the International Convention in Montreal 2006. Four were adopted, two were not adopted, four were withdrawn (not debated or voted on), and one was referred back to the International Board for further refinement. Following is a summary-

#1: **Purpose:** To change the office of Vice President/Treasurer to Vice President

**Rationale:** To assure that the fiduciary responsibilities of the Treasurer are always performed by someone professionally trained.

**Action:** Adopted by a 2/3 vote of the Delegate Assembly

**#2: Purpose:** To expand the definition of conduct unbecoming to a member of the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees to all Kiwanis International officers.

**Rationale:** To include Kiwanis Governors (who are International Officers)

**Action:** Adopted by majority vote

**#3: Purpose:** To encourage the growth of Kiwanis clubs through relieving the obligation of clubs to pay additional dues to Kiwanis International should their membership grow 25 percent (or more) over the course of one Kiwanis International administrative year.

**Rationale:** To provide an incentive to growth and allow the saved funds to be used at the local level for service to children and other programs.

**Action:** Adopted by a 2/3 vote.

**#4: Purpose:** To allow Kiwanis International to pursue new membership initiatives to best ensure robust growth worldwide in support of the One Million Member Goal.

**Rationale:** To expand the definition of how Kiwanis clubs or affiliate groups may be formed, i.e. to broaden the opportunities for Kiwanis membership.

**Action:** Referred back to the International Trustees to further define affiliate groups.

**#5: Purpose:** To allow flexibility in the composition of club boards of directors.

**Rationale:** Unclear. Amendment would allow up to 10% of club membership, with officers, to be directors.

**Action:** Not adopted.

**#6: Purpose:** To limit the eligibility of former members of Kiwanis International sponsored programs for the waiver of dues payments to Kiwanis International for the first two years of Kiwanis-club membership.

**Rationale:** Unclear

**Action:** Withdrawn

**#7: Purpose:** To allow clubs to pay dues on behalf of family units rather than on behalf of individual members.

**Rationale:** Presumably to lessen the cost to families with multiple members in the same club.

**Action:** Withdrawn

**#8: Purpose:** To change the eligibility of Kiwanis International officers for reimbursement for travel and accommodation expenses for the annually conducted International Council and Convention.

**Rationale:** Unclear

**Action:** Withdrawn

**#9: Purpose:** To require clubs to pay a new member fee to Kiwanis International.

**Rationale:** A carry-over proposed amendment from 2005 International convention. Not supported by the International Board. Circumstances have changed since 2005.

**Action:** Withdrawn

**#10: Purpose:** To provide that the House of Delegates address any change in charter fees, new member induction/processing fees, or any other financial encumbrance from any member club or active, privileged or senior member. Requires 2/3 vote to pass.

**Rationale:** Greater member/club involvement in decisions affecting members/clubs.

**Action:** Not adopted (Perceived as micro-management of Board duties)

The notes above are brief. Should you desire additional information, especially regarding the background of any amendment, feel free to talk to Gordon or Margaret.

## 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>  |

### 2005-2006 DIRECTORS

#### *TWO YEARS*

*Russell Berry*

*Lora Lynn Christensen*

*Dennis Laster*

*Guinn Smith*

*Sheila Watts*

#### *ONE YEAR*

*Gloria Fanous*

*Kelly Jones*

*Ken Lenoir*

*Lorin Watson*

*Doug Williamson*

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