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JIM WILSON

A writer of "Down to Earth Poetry"

Jim Wilson was born at Hendrick Hospital on January 15th, 1950 while his parents were students at Abilene Christian College. After they graduated the family moved to a ranch 13 miles south of Van Horn in the northern Big Bend Mountains. Jim graduated from Van Horn High School in 1968 and enrolled in the summer of 1968 in Abilene Christian College where he did his pre-veterinary requirements in 2 years. He then went on to the College of veterinary medicine at Texas A and M University to graduate in August of 1973 with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Jim has practiced Veterinary medicine in Abilene since November 1976.

In June of 2000 Jim won the Abilene Reporter News Invitational Poetry contest and has continued to write ever since. He says "it's the expression of my personal creative gift from God. I think everyone has one. This is mine and I want to share." Jim's poetry is about the relationships of man/woman, nature, God, and universal intelligence that show us how to operate our world. He tries to write poems that are little verbal clips of life's everyday events. Writing positively yet realistically and authentically.

WHAT A MEETING! July 12, 2006

JIM ED FIELD

Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership

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



Jim Ed Field discussed the TALL "Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership" program. Jim's class comprised of 25 members from all over Texas. They attended six meetings that were held throughout the state, one in Washington D.C. and one in New York, the other was the trip to Brazil. The activities included seminars, on site tours, meetings with leaders of government and business and international study.

Jim then followed with a slide presentation of his recent trip to Brazil. The photos were beautiful. The group flew to San Paulo and then on to Rio de Janeiro which is located on a narrow strip of land between mountains and the deep blue sea, it's surrounded by coves, white sand beaches and granite-based mountains, the most famous being Pao de Acucar (Sugar Loaf). There were pictures of Copacabana beach and Corcovado (The Christ Statue) too. The group also traveled to Cuiaba. Jim discussed the differences in agricultural organizations in Brazil and the USA. It was interesting to see that fields of Cotton went on and on into the horizon and to know that farmers there use John Deere and New Holland tractors and equipment just as we do. Jim noted that due to the price soybeans are not grown as much now. Some other big exports are coffee, citrus, wheat, and beef. One of the main problems Brazilian farmers face is the infrastructure. The rail system is not very good so they have to transport their own products to the ports and most cities have only one main road.

Characterized by large and well-developed agricultural, mining, manufacturing, and service sectors, Brazil's economy outweighs that of all other South American countries and is expanding its presence in world markets.

OPENING CEREMONY FOR 7/12/06

Gordon Dowell presided over the meeting. **Marcus Anderson** led the singing and **Millie Braddy** played the piano. **Margaret Hoogstra** led the prayer; **Clarence Presswood** led the pledge and **Gary Bomar** introduced the program.

Prayer Requests

For the family and friends of Barbara Smith, Arrow Ford employee who passed away.

Gertie Tapp, Briarstone employee will have surgery this week.

Clarence Presswood's wife Dorothy.

Marcus Anderson's wife Shirley.

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

John Thomas's son has health problems.

H. Bedford Furr.

H. B. Terry.

Darrell Flippo.

Billy Clay.

Nelda Wallace.

Gloria Fanous' mother.

Bill Alexander.

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



SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE –DESERT STREAMS

He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water. Psalms 107:35

On your journey, you sometimes pass through desert areas filled with nothing but uninviting cacti and sun-scorched sands as far as the eye can see—seemingly barren wastelands on the landscape of your life. What you do not see so easily is that the desert is teeming with roust life. Underground streams support a variety of hearty vegetation and lively creatures. God has not lessened the intensity of the sun's rays for their benefit. The sun shines on, but God has equipped the desert's flora and fauna to withstand the extremities of their home.

You pass through dry, parched areas in your journey through life. When you do, you must remember that God will faithfully provide for you, just as he has for the plants and creatures of the desert.

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is. Psalm 63:1

Prayer: God, when I need streams in the deserts of my life, I will place my hope in your faithfulness and love for me. In Jesus name, Amen.

BIRTHDAYS –July

Donald McDonald 19

Billy Phillips 20

ANNIVERSARIES-July

Lynda Fogerson 23

Tom Dolan 24

Luncheon Cup Money for July 12, 2006 was \$46.99

BOARD MEETING

The monthly Board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 20th at Briarstone Manor at 12 noon.

We encourage you all to attend.

GUMBALL REPORT



Earl Williams reported that for June we have in operation 1241 machines and we received \$523.08. Bringing the grand total to date to \$222,801.28

MEMBERSHIP

President Dowell announced that there is another President's Challenge. The incentive program will run from today through September. For each member that brings into the Club, a new member, they will receive a \$25.00 savings bond or a \$25.00 gift certificate to a restaurant of their choice. It's all up to you; spread the word about KIWANIS.

STATE 4-H SHOW

Royce Manning discussed the need for Kiwanians to help with the State 4-H Horse Show, July 24th- 29th. There is a need for individuals to volunteer at the gates to greet everyone and also to give out stalling cards. This event is a great way to show everyone that Kiwanis is a hardworking organization. Volunteers will be the very first and very last people to have contact with these visitors. 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.



GUESTS FOR 6/12/06

Bruce Davis introduced the guests.

Judy Gully was the guest of Gary Bomar.

Earlene Clay was the guest of Billy Clay.

Bobbi Bieberly, David Fairchilds and Ikie Taylor were all guests from the Greater Abilene Club.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

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-7/7/06-North Abilene

Kelly Jones, Bill Zavatson, John Snapp, Bill Hoogstra, Keith Garner

SOMETHING ELSE

Coca Cola for Cleaning

One of the active ingredients in Coca Cola is phosphoric acid. It has a pH of 2.8, (On a scale of 1 -14, with 1 being the most acidic, 7 being neutral, and 14 being very caustic). Pure phosphoric acid can eat through metal, and dissolve concrete, but it sure makes the coke taste good.

Rumors say that Coke distributors have used it over the years to clean the engines of their delivery trucks, and it also works to help scrub road grime from your windshield. We can't actually advise using Coke as a substitute for regular detergents, however there are some interesting ideas people have put forward over the years:

Clean a Toilet

Pour a can of Coca-Cola into the toilet bowl. Let the "real thing" sit for one hour, then flush clean. The citric acid in Coke removes stains from vitreous china. It should work equally well for sinks and bath tubs. This is according to household-hints columnist MaryEllen.

Remove Rust Spots from a car bumper

Rub the bumper with a crumpled-up piece of Reynolds Wrap aluminum foil dipped in Coca-Cola.

Clean corrosion from car battery terminals

Pour a can of Coca-Cola over the terminals to bubble away the corrosion. This is according to Heloise.

Loosen rusted bolts

Applying a cloth soaked in Coca-Cola to the rusted bolt for several minutes.

Remove grease from clothes

Empty a can of Coke into a load of greasy clothes, add detergent, and run through a regular cycle. The Coca-Cola will help loosen grease stains.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Briarstone Manor is located at:

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Meetings are every Wednesday at Noon



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