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WIND POWER **Greg Wortham**

Did you know . . .

That West Texas has soared past wind energy pioneer California to take the lead in Western Hemisphere wind generation capacity?

Texas State Technical College is working to establish an Associates Degree program to train wind energy technicians?

You can find wind on the web at www.WestTexasWind.us?

Invite and bring a friend to hear this week's program about Wind Energy.

Greg Wortham, Executive Director of the West Texas Wind Energy Consortium, will bring the program this Wednesday.

Greg Wortham has more than 25 years of experience in energy, rural development, legislative action, public relations, and energy & environmental policy. Greg has worked for electric cooperatives in various capacities at the national level, in Texas, and in New York City over the past 15 years.

He was Senior Corporate Counsel at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association from 1995-1998, serving the Nation's 1000 rural electric cooperatives from their national trade association. Greg also served as general manager for 1st Rochdale Cooperative Group, Ltd., a novel experiment using the electric co-op model in the emerging retail electricity competitive market in metro New York from 1998 through 2004.

He served as a rural development specialist for Big Country Electric Co-op (Roby-Snyder-Stamford) in 1989. His rural development experience includes development of the "Rural Resource Team" concept in Fisher County, Texas, 1987, and the Rural Resource Team approach has since been used in hundreds of communities throughout the U.S. to maximize the synergy between an area's local resources and the outside resources that a community can call upon.

As a lawyer, Greg has practiced energy, administrative and legislative law. His legal experience has included active participation in the development of the Energy Policy Act of 1992, continuing Congressional debates on energy legislation, evolution of competitive wholesale and retail markets, and advancement of the Texas wind industry.

A 1979 graduate of Sweetwater High School, Greg has worked for the region as a staff member at the City of Sweetwater, Texas House of Representatives, Texas Senate, and U.S. Congress. Wortham earned his B.A. from Rice University *magna cum laude* with a double major in political science and policy studies (energy & environmental policy). He earned his J.D. from The School of Law at The University of Texas in 1990, graduating simultaneously with a Masters of Public Affairs from UT's Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs.

Bring a friend to this week's Kiwanis meeting!

WHAT A MEETING! July 26, 2006

ROSANNA HERNDON
Storyteller



Rosanna Herndon was the Piper Professor of 1988, as one of the ten Outstanding College and University Professors in Texas by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation. Other Honors include: National Storytelling Network's Oracle Award for Leadership, Tejas Storytelling Association's John Henry Faulk Award for Outstanding Contributions to Storytelling in Texas, and Pi Kappa Delta, honorary forensics organization. Plus HSU Former Faculty Member of the Year-2001, 25 Year Service Awards-from Texas Speech Communications Association and Southern States Communication Association and Emeritus Member of the National Communication Association.

Rosanna made it clear that being a professional storyteller was not the same as being a professional liar! Rosanna's stories are all true and historic. She takes a lot of time to research what she talks about and her new book, not released yet is about Scottish West Texans. Rosanna told a new story, one about when she was a little girl. Her memories from such a young age are captivating. What was remembered from childhood and the importance of those memories being carried on will likely push us all to tell "I remember when" stories in the near future. There are stories that should be repeated, they need to be carried on and on from generation to generation. We saw that in Rosanna's stories. We saw how intently we all listened to what she was telling us and how some of us had perhaps had similar stories.

OPENING CEREMONY FOR 7/26/06

Gordon Dowell presided over the meeting. **Marcus Anderson** led the singing and **Millie Braddy** played the piano. **Bruce Davis** led the prayer; **Carl Lockett** led the pledge and **Kimberley Cole** introduced the program.

Prayer Requests

Carl Lockett's sister Brenda is suffering with headaches.

Roy Lewis is still in Abilene Regional Hospital, Rm. # 517.

Joe Felton continues to recover from a fall.

Marcus Anderson's wife Shirley.

H. B. Terry.

H. Bedford Furr.

Billy Clay.

Nelda Wallace.

Bill Alexander.

Gloria Fanous' mother.

Darrell Flippo.

Gertie Tapp, Briarstone employee has had surgery.

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



SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE –SOMEONE TO LIVE FOR

Just tell me what to do and I will do it, Lord. As long as I live I'll wholeheartedly obey. Make me walk along the right paths for I know how delightful they really are. Psalm 119:33-35

Tragedy, disaster, adversity, calamity, trauma, loss. You can be left struggling with questions. Can any good come from your suffering? How could that happen? Can anyone take your confusion and make sense of it all? Is that possible? Can anyone turn your life around and make it worth living? Oh, that it were so.

When you ask if there is something to live for, God wants you to know that there is someone to live for—God. You can live for God, because he can take your confusion and anger and create something beautiful.

He can wash away your loneliness and redeem your losses. He can bring meaning to your life simply by reminding you that you are created in his image.

O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. Psalm 34:8

Prayer: God, thank you for the meaning and purpose you bring to my life. Thank you for allowing me to surrender my sorrow to you so that you can replace it with hope and happiness. I can truly live for you. In Jesus name Amen.

BIRTHDAYS –August

Dennis Laster 3
Bill Hoogstra 5

ANNIVERSARIES-August

Glyn Hammons 2
Billy Phillips 7
Gary Bomar 8

Luncheon Cup Money for July 26, 2006 was \$50.48

PRESENTATIONS

Jerry Harris presented a check for \$1349.60 to Mark Young of the Boys and Girls Club of Abilene. The money will be used for “Staff” shirts. Each shirt will be printed with the Boys and Girls Club on the front and the Kiwanis Logo on the back.

Ken Poynor introduced his daughter Carolyn Petrencik who spoke about her efforts to train for a marathon. She is raising money for the Leukemia and lymphoma society, she still needs \$1600.00.

Ricki Brown presented Carolyn with a check from the club for \$350.00 towards her efforts.



Kimberley Cole had the honor of presenting a new cordless razor to friend and former Kiwanian Bill Alexander. Thanks to Susan Moellinger for bringing Bill and his wife Laretta to this weeks meeting.



CITY UNIVERSITY



Jerry Harris representing City University discussed this city leadership program. It is initiated by the community access task force to involve people of all levels of the community. To help citizens become informed of city services and processes, to be able to access government and elected officials and become willing to be involved in the community by serving on city boards and commissions, a broad range of programs, presentations, activities and discussions. This is an excellent way to be informed about what happens in our community. This is a 9 month program, once a week. The cost is \$50.00. Applications are available from Jerry Harris, the deadline is August 17th.

BUILDER'S CLUB

John Thomas discussed the new Builder's Club. The first meeting was held last Wednesday. Seven children were in attendance and since then there are now twelve interested in becoming members. The first meeting gave opportunity to nominate their President, Vice President, Treasurer etc. The elections will be at their next meeting, August 2nd. The Clubs Charter information will then be completed and submitted. It will likely be the middle to late August until the Charter is approved. Further information regarding this new club may be directed to John Thomas or Mark Young.



GOOD BYE

James Sparks has been a long time employee at Briarstone. James spoke briefly about working at Briarstone over the years and how much he would miss us all. James has chosen to take a job in food service at Dyess Air Force Base and hopes that we will stop by to say hello whenever possible.

TICKETS

Caroline Lee has coupons for Six Flags over Texas. Purchase one full priced admission and get a second one day ticket for free. They are valid through October 1st 2006. One coupon may be used for the purchase of up to 6 tickets. Coupons also offer \$5.00 and \$10.00 off general use tickets for Hurricane Harbor. Call Caroline at the office if you are interested.

REMINDER

President Dowell reminded members about his President's Challenge. The incentive program will run 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 time to share Kiwanis!

GUESTS FOR 7/26/06

Mark Young introduced the guests.

Bill and Laretta Alexander were guests of Clarence Presswood and the Club.

Rose Mary Williams was the guest of Don Williams.

Delores Poynor and Carolyn Petrencik were guests of Ken Poynor.

Lorne Sutherlin was a guest from the Greater Abilene Club.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

8/2/06-Greg Wortham- Wind Power

8/9/06- Barney Johnson- Scottish Rite Hospital

8/16/06-TBA

8/23/06-TBA

8/30/06-Dr. Royce Money-ACU's Centennial Celebration

KIWANIS' CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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



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



SHAREKIWANIS

INTERCLUB-6/21/06-North Abilene

Caroline Lee, Ken Poynor, Margaret Hoogstra, Bill Hoogstra, Keith Garner

INTERCLUB-6/24/06-Downtown Club

Donald McDonald, Clarence Presswood, Gordon Dowell, Carl Lockett

COMMUNITY NEWS



Harmony
Family Services, Inc.
Working Together for a Balanced Life

**Art Exhibition
and Auction
Annual Fundraiser**

*August 25, 2006
Abilene Civic Center
6:00 pm*

Providing Services to the Big Country for 40 Years

SOMETHING ELSE

To Think About...

Why does it say do not use before work with heavy machinery on the back of children's Tylenol? I mean...Really could we save that many people by getting those darn five year-olds with head colds off those forklifts!

Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?

Why is it that people duck in the rain, do they really think the rain won't hit them?

If you called the police station to talk to an officer and he was not there, would that be considered a cop out?

If a person suffered from amnesia and then was cured would they remember that they forgot?

Why is there an expiration date on SOUR cream?

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

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

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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