

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

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## **DAVID BELL** **“WATER FOR ABILENE AND THE BIG COUNTRY”**

### **Water Is A Blessing, And A Precious Resource.**

Have you ever enjoyed a drink of cool, clear water? Doesn't it taste good on a hot summer day? And don't we all take it for granted?

Living in a semi-arid West Texas, we think we know the value of water, not only to our health and well-being, but to our economy. That is the reason that today's topic about water in Abilene and the Big Country is very important and relevant.

Giving us the past, present, and future status of water in our area I a man who is equal to the task. David Bell is the current General Manager of the West Central Texas Municipal Water District. This is the governmental entity that manages both Lake Hubbard water for the four member cities; Abilene, Albany, Anson and Breckenridge. In addition this organization manages the water for the Lytle Lake community.

David has been involved in the water utility industry for over 30 years, having served WCTMWD for the past 18 years. Service in other cities in Texas was in Lubbock, Sherman, and Wichita Falls. His undergraduate education is in computer science and he also has a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Texas Tech.

Besides overseeing the staff of 27, David is currently one of the leading members of the Future Water Supply Task Force which has been responsible for seeking out future water sources for the Big Country. Additionally he keeps the board and cities informed in water legislation, and the deliberations that go on with Region G and the Brazos River Authority.

He and his wife, Ann, who is a registered dietitian, have four children, and he has been locally involved with the Red Cross Board, Dyess AFB, Texas Tech Foundation, and the Rotary Club.

Bring a guest to this educational and informative meeting, and get ready to walk out of the meeting with a new appreciation for how precious water is to each one of us.

**WHAT A MEETING!** August 9, 2006

## **SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL** **Barney Johnson**



**The many faces of Barney Johnson!**



After shedding and sharing a tear during his introduction with Rosanna Herndon, Barney Johnson began to do what he is well known for-clown around! Also known as “Kooter” the clown he can obviously make anyone laugh. If you attended the meeting on Wednesday you know about him discussing Kiwanis events over the years.

Keeping busy by making many many children forget about the problems they may be facing at that moment is what Barney does best and what appears to make him the happiest. Thank goodness for Clowns! At Shriners Hospitals for Children, medical research is having a strong, positive impact on the care and cure of children with orthopedic problems, burn and spinal cord injuries. Donations to Shriners Hospitals are greatly appreciated and those donations are how medical expenses are taken care of. If you or I had a child in need of treatment offered by a Shriners Hospital it wouldn't matter how much money we had or didn't have. If the hospital could help the child they would! There are 22 Shriners Hospitals in the U.S., Canada and Mexico, 19 are orthopedic and 3 are burn. Galveston, Texas has the only skin bank in the world. Barney tells us that we are “never to old” to donate skin because a 1 inch piece of skin will grow to a 12 inch by 12 inch piece of skin that can be placed on a child that has been burned. Isn't that amazing!

The Shriners Hospitals for Children have increased spending for the children by \$24 million, spending \$1.8 million every day, or about \$20 every second to continue providing patients with the very best medical care available. \$649 million was budgeted for 2006 with \$33 million going directly to research for the more than 140 research projects currently underway. At the hospital in Houston, Texas they are able to care for all pediatric orthopedic problems. They have developed a special expertise in the areas of Scoliosis, Congenital dislocated hip, Congenital and acquired hand problems, Gait analysis, Brittle Bone Disease, Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis, Ribcage deformities, Genetics and Orthopedic problems of Cerebral Palsy and other Neuromuscular disorders. So now you know a little bit about how important of a job Barney “Kooter” Johnson has. Thank goodness for the Suez Shriners.

### **OPENING CEREMONY FOR 8/09/06**

**Gordon Dowell** presided over the meeting. **Nell Sims** led the singing and **Lora Lynn Christensen** played the piano. **Van Boozer** led the prayer; **Russell Leavenworth** led the pledge and **Rosanna Herndon** introduced the program.

### **Prayer Requests**

Rosemary Choate is having more eye surgery.  
A.C. Johnson is having back surgery.  
Dick Kincaid's wife Jo Ann will have foot surgery.  
Earl Williams.  
Roy Lewis is still in Abilene Regional Hospital.  
Marcus Anderson's wife Shirley.  
H. B. Terry continues with medical treatment.  
H. Bedford Furr.  
Billy Clay.  
Nelda Wallace.  
Bill Alexander.  
Gloria Fanous' mother.  
Darrell Flippo.

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



### **SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE – WHEN CLOUDS COME**

*I am old now; I have lived a long time, but I have never seen good people abandoned by the LORD or their children begging for food. Psalm 37:25*

A mother and her son stood before a statue of Christ on a mountaintop that loomed over a large city. The statue had outreached arms reaching downward in an act of blessing. It was so beautiful to the little boy as the sun shone brightly around it and the blue sky set a peacefully serene backdrop. Suddenly clouds moved in, and no one could see the statue. This upset the little boy. He clutched his mother's hand and gasped a loud sigh. "Mommy, what happened to him? Where did he go?" His mother smiled and spoke warmly to her son, "Oh, honey, he's still there. He never goes away."

God's presence is not predicted on your awareness of it. No amount of inattention on your part erases the company God keeps with you.

*I have relied on you all my life; you have protected me since the day I was born. I will always praise you. Psalm 71:6*

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for paying attention to me even when I don't pay attention to you. Your faithfulness gives me a great and wonderful peace. In Jesus name, Amen.

**BIRTHDAYS –August**

Margaret Hoogstra 20  
Ricki Brown 21  
J.R. Velasco 22

**ANNIVERSARIES-August**

James Shields 16  
Donald Scargall 20  
Roland Williams 22

**LT. GOVERNOR-ELECT**

Lt. Governor-Elect Gene Linder was a special guest at this weeks meeting. Gene spoke briefly about his year ahead and the Governor's Banquet. The event takes place on Monday night, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Be sure to mark your calendars as our Division 35 Governor will also be in attendance.

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The Lt. Gov.-Elect was also promoting his clubs annual FISH FRY. Tickets are now available. The event is September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

**LETTER**

Clarence Presswood shared with the club a thank you note that he received from Bill and Loretta Alexander. The letter was a thank you for the cordless razor that was presented to Bill last week and it also noted the great work of our club.

**CLUB GROWTH**

Nancy Miller spoke "encouraging words" about our club, discussing information provided in a handout, recently shared with the Board. Members were encouraged to take the information home and to also be thinking of ways to help our club continue to grow.

**REMINDERS**

We are reminded that this years Celebration Banquet will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The Kiwanian of the year will be announced as will the Bailey Choate award recipient. A committee is currently working on all of the details. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

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The club is reminded that volunteers will be needed for the upcoming West Texas Fair and Rodeo September 9-15, 2006. Let's plan ahead to give just a few hours of our time.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership, Membership, Membership! That's what President Dowell has been discussing at our weekly meetings. The President's Challenge is to encourage us all to work a little bit harder in telling everyone all about Kiwanis and the wonderful things that our club can do and has done to help one child and one community at a time. His 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!

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee will meet on Thursday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon, at Briarstone Manor.

# SHARE KIWANIS



## GUESTS FOR 8/9/06

**Russell Berry** introduced the guests.

Lt. Gov. Elect Gene Linder was a guest of the Club.

Janey Mims was the guest of J.C. McCurdy.

Gloria Bradshaw was the guest of President Dowell.

Connie Stephens was the guest of Dub Pritchett.

Tom Lovvorn was the guest of Charles Kirkpatrick.

David Yarborough was the guest of Billy Yarborough.

Kim Boshier was the guest of Kimberley Cole.

Bobbi Bieberly, Lorne Sutherlin, George Woodfin and John Fred Phillips were guests from the Greater Club.

Don Settle, Margaret Settle, Tommy Aldredge, Priscilla Aldredge, Don Boles and Mark Chatman were guests from the Golden K of Clyde Club.

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

08/23/06- Jerry Gayden "AISD Athletic Director

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

# 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
<b>Diane Hardin</b>	<b>Susan Moellinger</b>	<b>8/9/06</b>

**Diane Hardin** is the newest member of our club. Diane is with Sears Specialty Services. She is also getting married this Saturday! Congratulations Diane and we are looking forward to having you as a member, no matter what you decide your last name is going to be!



Luncheon Cup Money for August 9, 2006 was \$40.98



**KIWANIS' CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**Texas/Oklahoma District Convention at Sea--8/17--8/21 2006**  
**Celebration Banquet 9/28/06**

President Gordon and Dorothy Dowell, Nancy Miller, Lora Lynn and Don Christensen, Bill and Margaret Hoogstra, Doug and Frances Williamson, Nelda and Eric Wallace are those members that will be sailing!

**NOTES OF THANKS**

Dear Friends at Kiwanis Club of Abilene,

Thank you for your donation and continued interest in the Boys and Girls Club of Abilene, Inc. As our school year ends and our Summer Programs begin, we realize the children we serve have the opportunity to grow and develop through fun, educational, and character developing activities because of folks like you; people who make a difference!

Thank you again for supporting the many programs, events, and activities we offer the youth of Abilene. You truly are a blessing to them and to Abilene.

Sincerely,

Mark Young, Executive Director

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Dear Friends:

Thank you for your gift of \$600.00, for our young men at Ben Richey Boys Ranch. We are excited and encouraged about their bright futures as we see them grow toward manhood and become solid, responsible citizens of our community.

Thanks to the Big Country friends, such as yourself, our boys have an opportunity to dream dreams and see those dreams become a reality.

May the Lord Bless you richly!

Sincerely,

Kerry Fortune, President

*Thanks for helping all kids!*

**COMMUNITY NEWS**



**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

Just another verse I recently found-  
A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter; he who finds one finds a treasure.  
A faithful friend is beyond price, no sum can balance his worth.

## 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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**KIWANIS IS WHERE A NEED IS Served**