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GOODWILL INDUSTRIES BRENDA HEPPNER

Brenda Heppner is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and Worden school of Social work in San Antonio. Brenda's previous employment includes the State Department of Human Resources as a child protective service worker, child protective service supervisor and foster home development supervisor.

With Goodwill of West Texas she has spent nine years as Director of Vocational Services and was also director of First Choice Employment and At-Risk Youth Program. Brenda is mother to one grown son and married to a retired Chicago fireman.

Come out to hear all about Goodwill Industries and learn how they train and put people to work.

WHAT A MEETING! September 6, 2006



“NATURAL ECOLOGY” JUDGE NEWMAN

George Newman is a man of many hats. Born in Las Cruces, New Mexico he is married to Carolyn since 1964. They have two children, Laura and Jason and have four grandchildren, Kelsey, Kourtney, Kacey and Rhett.

George is currently County Judge for Taylor County. He owns and operates West Texas Ranches, is an Investments, Oil and Gas, Land, Cattle Environmental Consultant. A Professor of Biology Emeritus at Hardin-Simmons University. He is on the Board of Directors, Abilene/Taylor County Tax Venue District, Board of Directors, Child Advocacy Center, Chairman, Metropolitan Transportation Planning Committee, West Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee and Frontier Texas Board of Directors. George is also Deacon, Pioneer Drive Baptist Church, and a Texas Academy of Science Fellow as well a Fellow of the Welder Wildlife Center.

Today's topic of discussion was birds, and many of them. After reading a wonderful limerick we learned the names of the birds as they were shown in a colorful power point presentation as arranged by Kiwanian Kimberley Cole entitled "Here Come Da' Judge".

Did you know that the Blue Jay's cousin is the Scrub Jay, and that they really are obnoxious birds-actually glorified crows? The Road Runner is the state bird of New Mexico, and that it can't move with its tail up! A Cedar Waxwing feeds on berries in the winter and may appear to be dopey because berries do become fermented. I bet you did know that Barn Sparrow's make the mud nests under your eaves and that the House Finch sings a nice song. The Tufted Titmouse and Chickadees are residents of Abilene.

Did you know that a Kill Deer lays its eggs on the ground and not in a nest? Their eggs are shaped so that they roll in a circle and will not roll away. A Brown Headed Cow Bird lays its eggs in another birds nest, throwing out the other birds eggs so that it will hatch its eggs. That just seems so wrong!

It appears that there is a lot to be learned by just looking out the window in the morning and while taking a walk. Judge Newman recommends the following books to help the curious bird watcher: Birds of North America and The Sibly Guide to Birds.

OPENING CEREMONY FOR 9/6/06

President Dowell presided over the meeting. **Ken Poynor** led the singing and **Millie Braddy** played the piano. **Carl Lockett** led the prayer; **David Jones** led the pledge and **George Knight** introduced the program.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Clarence Presswood's sister Gayle Killough is having health problems.

Joe Felton is having health problems.

C.W. Stephenson's wife Billie is suffering with back problems.

John Thomas' son is recovering from surgery.

Dick Kincaid's wife Jo Ann.

Gloria Fanous' mother.

Billy Clay *** Nelda Wallace *** H.B. Terry *** H. Bedford Furr

Bill Alexander *** Darrell Flippo *** A.C. Johnson ***

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



SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE –SONGS FOR THE SOUL

Through each night I sing his songs, praying to God who gives me life. Psalm 42:8

Atop the fence post, a robin lifts its head toward heaven and its voice in song. Other troubadours take up the chorus, and a jubilee of birdsong fills the air, refreshing the heart of their Creator. Why does the robin sing? It sings because it must; a song is its voice. The robin's song was designed to bring constant praise to God.

Like the robin, you are God's creation. Unlike the robin, however, you have been given a will. When you lift your voice to God, it is because you choose to do so. Your songs bring comfort, solace, and refreshment to your own life as well, strengthening you in difficult times.

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth. Psalm 47:1-2

Prayer: Teach me to sing your praises during good times and bad times, God. Strengthen, comfort, and heal me as I lift my voice in song. Amen.

BIRTHDAYS -September

Doug Williamson 13

George Knight 15

Jamie Breed 17

Lynda Fogerson 19

ANNIVERSARIES-September

Sylvia Shurgot 13

Gordon Dowell 14

SOS COMMITTEE



Russell Berry introduced J.R. Velasco, a member of the SOS Committee. J.R. told about his experiences at Reagan Elementary School this past year. The program was a wonderful success last year and with even more Kiwanians getting involved it is sure to exceed everyone's expectations. In J.R.'s own words "If you're not involved in this program, SHAME ON YOU!" This committee is asking for your support so, if you can give one hour of your week to this program you will be amazed at the out come!

MEMBERSHIP

Gary Bomar spoke up one day and now we have a new member of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene by the name of Bruce Freeman. President Dowell has been asking everyone to spread the word about Kiwanis and it looks like it is working! Another new member was inducted this week so we all welcome Randall (Randy) Williams. With only a few weeks left in this Kiwanis year we hope that others in our community will learn what Kiwanis is all about, and want to join us, to help “change the world one child and one community at a time”. Don’t forget that the president’s challenge is still in effect. Gary received a \$25.00 gift certificate to Joe Allen’s.

INTERNET DANGERS

Kiwanian Ray King is with Northwestern Mutual Financial Network and he has a mission. He spoke briefly about a topic we should all be aware of-Internet dangers. His concern is computers and how they can cause such terrible harm. Ray brought certificates for us to take home to our children and



grandchildren. The certificates are pledges for being online: I will not send my picture, I will not give out personal information, I will not meet in person with anyone I first ‘met’ online, I will talk with my parents to make rules for going online, these were some of the pledges for children to sign. Ray spoke about predators online looking for vulnerable children and the importance of talking to children NOW about the good and bad in computer land.

MEETINGS

The **Board meeting** will be held on Thursday September 14th at Briarstone Manor at 12:00 noon, and the monthly **Program Committee meeting** will be held on Thursday September 21st at Briarstone Manor at 12:00 noon. If you have never attended either of these meetings you are encouraged to do so.

SECRETARY POSITION

President-Elect Margaret Hoogstra is seeking a member of the club to fill the shoes of Nell Sims. Nell is stepping down as the clubs secretary after four years. The position will require computer skills as well as training and you will be required to attend monthly board meetings. Margaret would like to have this position filled as soon as possible. If any one is interested or if you would like to nominate someone for this position you are asked to contact Margaret.

GUESTS FOR 9/6/06

J.R. Velasco introduced the guests.

Pat Wallace was the guest of Ray King.

Sharon Jones was the guest of Kelly Jones.

Bob Harrod was the guest of Clarence Presswood.

Martin Rodriguez was the guest of Dennis Laster.

Etta Warman was the guest of Russell Johnson.



Luncheon Cup Money for September 6, 2006 was \$46.52

CELEBRATION BANQUET

Please mark your calendars for the evening of **September 28th, 2006**. The Kiwanian of the year will be announced as will the Bailey Choate award recipient at our annual Celebration Banquet.

It is sure to be an **“An Italian Fiesta”** that you won’t want to miss!

The place to be is Little Italy, located at 1417 South Danville. It’s right beside the Abilene Public Library. Sign up sheets will be available again next week, guest meals will be \$12.95 per person.



MEMBERSHIP- SHARE KIWANIS

New Member

J. R. Velasco
 Caroline Lee
 Robert Burch
 John Thomas
 David Bacon
 Gary Mock
 Casey Metts
Donovan Henderson
 Tonia Lovelady
 Alex Rose
 Alan Eggleston
 David McWright
 Diane Hardin-Rickman
 Bruce Freeman
 Gloria Bradshaw
Randall (Randy) Williams

Sponsor

David Jones
 Gordon Dowell
 Kenny Smith
 Doug Williamson
 Donald McDonald
 Bill Clark
 Don Williams
 James Hallmark
 Kelly Jones
 John Thomas
 Caroline Lee
 John Thomas
 Susan Moellinger
 Gary Bomar
 Gordon Dowell
Marcus Anderson

Date

10/26/05
 11/16/05
 12/7/05
 12/14/05
 12/28/05
 1/18/06
 2/1/06
 2/15/06
 3/8/06
 3/8/06
 4/5/06
 4/19/06
 8/9/06
 8/23/06
 8/30/06
9/6/06



Sponsor a member and get your name on this list!



NEW MEMBER

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene had the pleasure of inducting Randall Williams into our club. Marcus Anderson has sponsored him and he is the Deputy Chief of Taylor County Juvenile Probation. Randy, as he is known, has a wife of 26 years, Gaye Lynn. They have three children, Justin 24, Kristen 23, and Cara 20.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

9/20/06-Virgil Fry-Lifeline Chaplaincy at M.D. Anderson Hospital.

KIWANIS' CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Division 35 Council Meeting September 26th, 2006 at the Spaghetti Warehouse, in the Mall of Abilene. Round Table will be September 27th for those not able to attend the Celebration Banquet.

INTERCLUB-Greater Abilene-8/30/06

Clarence Presswood, A.C. Johnson, Keith Garner, Lt. Gov.-Neil Tatom

INTERCLUB-North Abilene-9/1/06

Bill Hoogstra, Margaret Hoogstra, Donald McDonald, Sheila Watts, Jimmie Monhollon, Lake Monhollon, Diane Hardin-Rickman, Bruce Davis

THANK YOU

Dear Royce:

Thank you for your donation of \$300.00 to the West Texas Fair and Rodeo Calf Scramble. During the 2006 West Texas PRCA Rodeo September 13-16 eighty (80) youth from Taylor, Nolan, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Callahan, Coleman, Runnels, and Coke 4-H Clubs and FFA chapters will attempt to catch a calf and win prize money towards the purchase of an animal to be shown at the 2007 West Texas Fair and Rodeo. The rodeo begins at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

We are proud to be able to continue to encourage local youth to participate in this activity as well as further their knowledge of agriculture by giving them the opportunity to raise an animal. Thank you for making this effort possible.

We hope you enjoy the fair and thank you once again for being a sponsor of the Calf Scramble

Sincerely,

Rochelle Johnson, Administrative Vice President

COMMUNITY NEWS

Abilene Christian University's Centennial Birthday Celebration is September 8th-11th and there are many events taking place. **Beginning on the 8th- ABILENE 1906** an original musical comedy about the days when ACU was about to become a reality as Childers Classical Institute. Take the entire family to the Paramount Theatre on September 8th and 9th at 8:00pm, and September 10th at 2:00pm. Tickets cost \$15.00, \$10.00, and \$5.00 per person. For tickets please call 325-674-2622.

On the 9th-Dedication of Jacob's Dream Sculpture, Campus Open House, Book Signing for the ACU Century, WACU Building Reception, Outdoor Birthday Carnival, Centennial Birthday Cake Ceremony, Centennial Concert, Abilene 1906 and the Centennial Grand Finale Fireworks. **On the 10th**-Abilene 1906. **On the 11th**-Second Century Convocation and Academic Symposium.

SOMETHING ELSE

Here are some more facts about the 1500's:

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, Dirt poor. The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help to keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway, Hence the saying a thresh hold.

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, bring home the bacon. They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and chew the fat...

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Everyday they lit

the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme, Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old...

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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