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## **LIFELINE CHAPLAINCY AT M.D. ANDERSON HOSPITAL VIRGIL FRY**



Virgil Fry is Executive Director of Lifeline Chaplaincy in Houston, an organization he has been with for 21 years. Lifeline Chaplaincy is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing compassionate support to patients, families, and caregivers in some of the major hospitals in Houston and Dallas. Lifeline has three major thrusts of outreach: spiritual care of patients via chaplains and trained volunteers, benevolent support of patients and families through the Compassionate Touch program (working through hospital Social Work Dept's), and educational training in crisis ministry for volunteers, church and community leaders, and university students.

Virgil is a graduate of ACU with a Bachelors & Masters in Religion, has one year of Clinical Pastoral Education from Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, and received the Doctor of Ministry degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. His initial interest in chaplaincy as a vocation was sparked by his work with Chaplain Don Cauble at the Abilene State School in the early 1970's. He is married to Caryl, also an ACU graduate and an elementary math specialist in the Fort Bend ISD. They have two adult children, Kyle and Kacie, a daughter-in-law Melanie, and grandchild Mycayla. Virgil is the author of the book *Disrupted: Finding God in Illness and Loss*, and serves as adjunct professor at ACU and Pepperdine University in the Religion Dept. He and Caryl recently received ACU's Christian Service Award which is given to one recipient each year.

**WHAT A MEETING!** September 13, 2006

## **GOODWILL INDUSTRIES BRENDA HEPPNER**

Brenda Heppner spoke about Goodwill Industries and what they do. She noted that Goodwill was founded in Boston's South End by Reverend Edgar J. Helms, a Methodist minister assigned to the mission of Morgan Chapel. The Goodwill Mission is "a hand up, not a hand out" or "a chance, not a charity". Edgar J. Helms has said it was an "industrial program as well as a social service enterprise ... a provider of employment, training and rehabilitation for people of limited employability, and a source of temporary assistance for individuals whose resources were depleted." So, instead of giving handouts, donated goods were sold for profit and that money is used to pay workers, who otherwise might not have jobs.



We learned that Goodwill has ten retail operations in this area, From Midland-Odessa to Eastland, and that they also offer janitorial services and grounds keeping. That Goodwill International has approx. 170 operations in North America and 36 affiliates in foreign countries. There is an At Risk youth program for kids from age 16-21 and an Internship program where employers have agreed to have these employees work and be paid by Goodwill.

We also learned that member Ray King's son was the first employee and that \$3000.00 was given by our club to start Goodwill here in Abilene. Most importantly, we must thank the employees of Goodwill for rolling all of the silverware for our annual pancake day!

### **OPENING CEREMONY FOR 9/13/06**

**President Dowell** presided over the meeting. **Marcus Anderson** led the singing and **Millie Braddy** played the piano. **Susan Moellinger** led the prayer; **J.R. Velasco** led the pledge and **Lora Lynn Christensen** introduced the program.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

David Jones is recovering from knee surgery.

Clarence Presswood's wife Dorothy will have surgery on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Joe Felton is in Hendrick Hospital.

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

John Thomas' son.

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 – LOVING GOD**

*I love you, LORD; you are my strength. Psalm 18:1*

God's grandeur inspires awe. His perfect goodness is imponderable. He is so big; you are so small. He is beyond your understanding. How then can you love him? By embracing him and making him part of your daily life.

To do that, you must first acknowledge your utter dependence on him. You must gaze at the world around you with new eyes, eyes full of love and admiration for his countless wonders. You must constantly remind yourself that his handiwork is everywhere and in everything, and that he is greater than the most marvelous thing you can imagine. You must wake up to the truth that you are important because he made you, he loves you, he protects you, and he preserves you. He is your strength.

*Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; Let such as love Your salvation say continually, "The LORD be magnified!" Psalm 40:16*

Prayer: God, help me to end each day by whispering an *amen* to you as I go to sleep and to wake up each morning with a *hallelujah* in my heart. In Jesus name, Amen.

### **BIRTHDAYS -September**

Pamela McGrew 22

Pat Carnohan 25

Billy Yarborough 25

### **ANNIVERSARIES-September**

Sheila Watts 24

### **SOS COMMITTEE**

Russell Berry announced that the SOS Committee is ready for members to help the children of Reagan Elementary School read. There will be a meeting on Wednesday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:15am, just prior to the regular Wednesday meeting, to discuss this exciting program for the new School/Kiwanis year. Please contact Russell Berry or Charles Kirkpatrick for more information.

## SEE BY THREE

Clarence Presswood is looking for volunteers for the See by Three program this year, September 19<sup>th</sup> is the first day of screenings. This is a busy time for this committee and volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

## RODEO

Tickets were given to the club to say thank you for Pancake Dollars given in support of the calf scramble. Royce Manning brought his cowboy hat this week and our guest speaker Brenda Heppner was chosen to select the winners. Mark Young and Margaret Jolly were recipients of tickets to the Rodeo for Friday evening at the West Texas State Fair. Congratulations!

## MEETINGS

The monthly **Program Committee meeting** will be held on Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup> at Briarstone Manor at 12:00 noon. If you have never attended a meeting you are welcome to do so.

## MEMBERSHIP

Marcus Anderson was presented a \$25.00 gift certificate to his favorite restaurant from President Dowell for bringing Randall Williams to join our club. The President's Challenge will continue through September.



## GUMBALL REPORT

Earl Williams reported that for August we had 1232 machines in operation. From a reading of 401 machines, we received \$581.64. This brings the grand total to \$223,851.04



# 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!**

## **GUESTS FOR 9/13/06**

**Doug Williamson** introduced the guests.

Scott Truitt was the guest of Clarence Presswood.

Latrice Hargrove was the guest of Susan Moellinger.

Johnathan McCutchen was the guest of Roland Williams.

Faye Dodson was the guest of Kelly Jones.

Jan Koflanovich was the guest of Linda Fogerson.

Amy Moore was a guest from the North Abilene Club.

**Luncheon Cup Money for September 13, 2006 was \$55.11**

## **FUTURE PROGRAMS**

To be advised!

## **KIWANIS' CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Division 35 Council Meeting September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at the Spaghetti Warehouse, in the Mall of Abilene.

Round Table will be September 27<sup>th</sup> for those not able to attend the Celebration Banquet.

### **CELEBRATION BANQUET**

Please mark your calendars for the evening of **September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006**. This

***"Italian Celebration"*** will be our weekly meeting so Please, Please come out and support your Kiwanis club.

The Kiwanian of the year will be announced as will the Bailey E. Choate award recipient. This banquet is a happy ending and an exciting beginning to another Kiwanis year.

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.



## **THANK YOU**

Dear Kiwanis Club of Abilene:

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's North Texas Chapter wishes to thank you for your tax-deductible donation of \$250.00 to our Team In Training program. TNT is the world's largest endurance training and fundraising program.

You are sponsoring a hero! Every volunteer of Team In Training is a very special person and each has made a personal commitment not only to complete a marathon, century ride, or triathlon, but to raise vital funds that will be used to support leukemia and lymphoma research, patient aid and education.

You are helping the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to move closer to a cure. At the same time you are providing the Team In Training member you sponsored a valuable source of moral support at a time of great personal challenge.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is the fastest-growing voluntary health organization with a nationwide presence. The Society's mission is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families. Since its founding in 1949, the Society has provided more than \$424 million for research specifically targeting blood-related cancers.

Again, thank you so much for your generous donation. We greatly appreciate it!

Best wishes,

Tina Garcia, Executive Director

**INTERCLUB-North Abilene-9/8/06**

Bill Hoogstra, Rosanna Herndon, Bruce Davis, Doug Williamson, Nancy Miller, Don Scargall.

**INTERCLUB-Key City Club-9/11/06**

Gary Bomar, Keith Garner, Donald McDonald, Jimmie Monhollon, Billy Phillips

**INTERCLUB-Greater Abilene-9/14/06**

Keith Garner, Susan Moelling, Marcus Anderson, Russell Johnson, Nancy Miller

**SOMETHING ELSE**

**Let's finish up with some more facts about the 1500's:**

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

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Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and the guests got the top, or the upper crust.

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And that's the truth...Now, whoever said History was boring!!!

**And remember:** Kindness is the bridge to life's opportunities.

**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>
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- Russell Berry*
- Lora Lynn Christensen*
- Dennis Laster*
- Guinn Smith*
- Sheila Watts*

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- Gloria Fanous*
- Kelly Jones*
- Ken Lenoir*
- Doug Williamson*

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