

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

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Round table will be held on September 27th, 2006.

CELEBRATION BANQUET



**Little Italy is the place to be on Thursday, September 28th, 2006
for the**

“Italian Fiesta”

This years Celebration Committee looks forward to the pleasure of your company at 6:30 pm.

The address is 1417 South Danville, beside the Abilene Public Library.

Together we will celebrate the close of our successful Kiwanis year
and the beginning of another!

Please call Caroline at the club office if you have not signed up to attend.

WHAT A MEETING! September 20, 2006

LIFELINE CHAPLAINCY AT M.D. ANDERSON HOSPITAL VIRGIL FRY



Virgil Fry, Executive Director of Lifeline Chaplaincy in Houston was our guest. Virgil felt right at home with our club because we have such a strong emphasis on volunteering, service, children and eating, all of which are his favorite things! He spoke about his personal experiences in this unique position.

As hospital chaplain he talks to groups about death and dying, something that is difficult to discuss at times, with adults. Virgil offered quotes from children on this topic, such as this one from a young boy, age 7, “God doesn’t tell you when you’re going to die because he wants it to be a Big surprise.”

Virgil explained that his organization and its companion organization, Compassionate Touch, are set up to represent caring, concern and to reach out to people dealing with serious illnesses, many of which are from outside the city that they are being treated in. They try to be a presence and a companion to walk with. He explained what happens when we are given such unexpected news, and discussed how having faith is so important. It was a very interesting program!

A PARTING WORD FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Since this is the last Kiwanigram of the 2005-2006 Kiwanis year, let me take this opportunity to say “Thank You” for all the support you have given me as your President this year. As others can attest, serving as President is a lot of work, but it has been such an honor, and to me, fun and very rewarding! Kiwanis is such a great organization with such worthy goals. There is nothing more precious than children and our goal of “changing the world one child and one community at a time” is truly making a difference in the lives of children, Abilene, and the world! I appreciate each one of you for your dedication to this goal through the Kiwanis Club of Abilene.

Let me thank the Board of Directors and other Officers of the club. You have been faithful in the role the club entrusted to you. Your attendance to meetings was such that we never worried about having a quorum. To the Chairs of the Committees, again, thank you for carrying your responsibilities with care. I would be remiss if I failed to thank Caroline Lee for her dedicated service as our Administrative Assistant. She has often gone beyond the call of duty.

I think we made good progress as a Club this year. Membership slipped a bit, but it such a challenge. Thank you for pursuing the challenge. We have a lot of great service programs. We distributed a lot of Pancake dollars to numerous organizations, celebrated 85 years of dedicated service to Abilene, implemented a new program called Save Our Schools (SOS), continued the See By Three screening program, set in motion the Bailey G. Choate Award for Long-Term Service, had great programs each week, established a Builders Club, and through all of this, achieved **Distinguished Club** status. Let’s take pride in being part of the “Greatest Kiwanis Club in this or any other Universe!”

Thank you for choosing me to serve as your President,

Gordon L. Dowell

OPENING CEREMONY FOR 9/20/06

President Dowell presided over the meeting. **Ken Poynor** led the singing and **Millie Braddy** played the piano. **Nell Sims** led the prayer; **Lynda Fogerson** led the pledge and **Nancy Miller** introduced the program.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Van Boozer has had a death in his family.

David Jones is recovering from knee surgery.

Clarence Presswood’s wife Dorothy is recovering from surgery.

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 Theresa Schrader.

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 –THE REFINER’S FIRE

God’s words are pure words, Pure silver words refined seven times In the fires of his word-kin. Psalm 12:6

Once a ceramist creates a figure, the object must be baked under extreme heat before it’s ready for use. The firing process delays the enjoyment of the object, and yet if the ceramist skips this process, the object will be useless. The beauty and service of the piece are strengthened for having “passed through the fire.”

God must refine you, too, through the fires of adversity. Sometimes that refining process takes the shape of waiting; other times that process allows you to suffer losses, great or small. The process may be as mundane as finding contentment in your ordinary life, or it may be as intense as facing a life-threatening illness. In the end, you are rendered more beautiful and useful to God by having passed through the fire.

Happy are those who live pure lives, who follow the LORD's teachings. Happy are those who keep his rules, who try to obey him with their whole heart. Psalm 119:1-2

Prayer: Dear God, when I might say "Why me, Lord?" may I instead say "Try me Lord". Try me and find in me a hope that hangs on and a faith that clings to. In Jesus name, Amen.

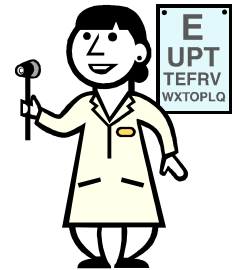


SOS COMMITTEE

Thank you to those members that met with Russell Berry just before Wednesday's meeting. The SOS committee is ready for another exciting year with the children of Reagan Elementary School. If you would like to help make lasting memories with some very special children, you need to be a member of this committee!

SEE BY THREE

The See by Three program has started and will continue through March. Volunteers are always needed, so please contact Clarence Presswood if you can help.



SECRETARY

President Dowell thanked Nell Sims for all of her hard work as the clubs secretary. The club still hopes to see Nell's smiling face each week!

BUILDERS CLUB

President Dowell thanked Mark Young, John Thomas and everyone that has worked so hard to make this happen. Members were advised that there will be a Charter Night soon for our new Builder's Club. When that date is set, everyone is encouraged to attend. More information will follow as it is received.

MEMBERSHIP-SHARE KIWANIS

<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
<u>Donovan Henderson</u>	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
Diane Hardin-Rickman	Susan Moellinger	8/9/06
Bruce Freeman	Gary Bomar	8/23/06
Gloria Bradshaw	Gordon Dowell	8/30/06
Randall (Randy) Williams	Marcus Anderson	9/6/06
Janice Koflanovich	Lynda Fogerson	9/20/06



Sponsor a member and get your name on this list!



NEW MEMBER

Janice Koflanovich is the newest member of The Kiwanis Club of Abilene. Lynda Fogerson is her sponsor, she met Janice while both were working the gates at the West Texas Fair this year. Janice has two sons and a daughter, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Luncheon Cup Money for September 20, 2006 was \$47.78

BIRTHDAYS –September/October

Marcus Anderson 27
Lynn Lee 30
John Thomas 2

ANNIVERSARIES-September/October

Charles Kirkpatrick 2

GUESTS FOR 9/20/06

LuGene Lewis introduced the guests.
Jason Gibson was the guest of Gary Bomar.
W. W. Hawkins was the guest of Pam McGrew.
Trent Edwards was the guest of Carl Lockett.
Earlene Clay was the guest of Billy Clay.
Steven Leggett, George Woodfin, Bobbi Bieberly and Lorne Sutherlin were guests from the Greater Club.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

10/4/06-Connie Stephens-“West Texas Rehab.”
10/11/06-Shane Davidson-“AISD Realignment.”
10/18/06-Joe Specht- “Songs of Abilene.”
10/25/06-Gary Nicholl-“FBI.”
11/1/06-Committee Day
11/22/06-Spiritual Aims-Thanksgiving Program
Please note programs are subject to change without notice.

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.
Key City Kiwanis Fish Fry will be Saturday, September 30th at the Abilene Civic Center.
The Greater Club is now selling gourmet pies and cheesecakes to raise money for scholarships.

INTERCLUB-North Abilene-9/15/06

John Snapp, Van Boozer, Bill Hoogstra, Margaret Hoogstra, John Thomas

INTERCLUB-North Abilene-9/22/06

Keith Garner, Bill Hoogstra, Pam McGrew, Ty Purcell, Mark Young

THANK YOU

Thanks for the hearing aid and cochlear implant batteries that you gave us. Your organization is very kind to our deaf education program.
Thanks so much!!
Mrs. Gail Duck, 3rd & 4th grade Deaf Ed. Teacher

2006-2007 YEAR

For your information here are the officers, directors and committee chairs for the year ahead:

Officers

President	Margaret Hoogstra	Vice President	Lora Lynn Christensen
President-Elect	Carl Lockett	Vice President	Bruce Davis
Secretary	Ty Purcell	Vice President	Guinn Smith
Treasurer	Ricki Brown		

One Year Directors (2006-2007)

Russell Berry ~ Dennis Laster ~ Clinton Nix ~ Sheila Watts ~ Mark Young

Two Year Directors (2007-2008)

Charles Kirkpatrick ~ George Knight ~ LuGene Lewis ~ Pamela McGrew ~ Kenny Smith

Committee Chairs

Agriculture ~ Royce Manning
Attendance & Retention ~ Dennis Laster
Boys & Girls ~ Guinn Smith
Celebration ~ Susan Moellinger
Community Service ~ Jamie Breed
Elections ~ Clinton Nix
House ~ Ted Ho & Don Riddle
Interclub ~ Bill Hoogstra
Membership ~ Russell Berry & David Bacon
Care & Support ~ Kimberly Cole & Van Boozar
Finance ~ Ken Poynor
Gumball ~ Earl Williams
New Member Involvement & Education ~ Doug Williamson
Program ~ Chris Carnohan & J. R. Velasco
Public Relations ~ Carl Cook
Spiritual Aims ~ Charles Kirkpatrick
Sponsored Youth ~ John Thomas
Young Children Priority One ~ Lora Lynn Christensen
Scholarships ~ Jerry Carter
Vocational Guidance ~ Robert Burch & Ken Lenoir

**Kiwanis is a global organization
of volunteers dedicated to changing the world
one child and one community at a time.**

SOMETHING ELSE

Someone out there either has too much spare time or is deadly at scrabble.
Rearrange the letters of each word and see what you get-

DORMITORY=DIRTY ROOM
PRESBYTERIAN=BEST IN PRAYER
ASTRONOMER=MOON STARER
DESPERATION=A ROPE ENDS IT
THE EYES=THEY SEE
GEORGE BUSH=HE BUGS GORE
THE MORSE CODE=HERE COME DOTS
SLOT MACHINES=CASH LOST IN ME
ELECTION RESULTS=LIES-LET'S RECOUNT
SNOOZE ALARMS=ALAS! NO MORE Z'S
A DECIMAL POINT=I'M A DOT IN PLACE
THE EARTHQUAKES=THAT QUEER SHAKE
ELEVEN PLUS TWO=TWELVE PLUS ONE
AND FOR THE GRAND FINALE:
MOTHER-IN-LAW=WOMAN HITLER

My father-in-law gave me these!

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

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