

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene KIWANIGRAM



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Briarstone Manor is located at: 101 Elpens Court, Abilene, TX 79604 Meetings are every Wednesday at Noon

OPENING CEREMONY FOR 10/18/06

Vice President **Bruce Davis** presided over the meeting. **Charles Kirkpatrick** led the singing; **Sheila Watts** led the prayer; **J.C. McCurdy** led the pledge and **Donald McDonald** introduced the program.

WHAT A MEETING! October 18, 2006

JOE SPECHT "SONGS OF ABILENE"

Our guest speaker was Joe W. Specht. Joe is Director of the Jay-Rollins Library at McMurry University and author of the book "The Women There Don't Treat You Mean: Abilene in Song."

Joe was born in Marlin, TX and was raised in Longview and Denton. He attended the University of North Texas and has earned a BA, MLS and MA. Joe is married to Alice and they have a daughter, Mary, who is in on a fellowship in Nigeria, until next May.

In Joe's book he writes "Just what is it about Abilene—the one in Texas—that keeps attracting the attention of singers, songwriters, and listeners alike? Certainly Abilene is an easy word to rhyme, but there is more to it than just "Abilene, Abilene, prettiest town I've ever seen." The name also summons up images of West Texas and of a town, located between Fort Worth and El Paso that offers a place for escape, for romance, for fresh beginnings".

Speaking to our club as well as the Lions club, Joe discussed the songs in which Abilene plays a role. We were able to listen to some of the songs which were included on his CD. The tunes range from 1890 and "The Cowboys' Christmas Ball" to 2004 and "The Jewell of Abilene." There are many songs that mention the city in passing. Joe also talked about what is likely the most famous Abilene-related number, "Abilene," the number one hit in 1963 for George Hamilton IV. In closing he played for us the jingle "Abilene my home town".



PRAYER REQUESTS

For the family and friends of Jerome Vannoy, who has passed away.

Dick Kincaid's wife Joanne is having surgery soon, in Florida.

A.C. Johnson's son-in-law.

Raymond McDaniel has had surgery.

James Cassle has had surgery.

Joe Felton is at Coronado Nursing Center. He'd like to hear from you at 672-0181.

John Thomas' son Joseph.

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

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



SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE –"Serving the Children of the World."

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found a way to serve." (Albert Schweitzer) "Whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:44-45 NIV)

BIRTHDAYS –October

James Cassle 26
Rachel Buddin-Young 28
Mike Waters 29

KIWANIS MINUTE

The first Object of Kiwanis International is “To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.”

PRESENTATIONS

Immediate-Past President Gordon Dowell noted that an estimated residual balance from the 2005-2006 service account in the amount of \$6,700 had been allocated as follows, presenting checks to:

Janet Ardoyno of Big Brothers Big Sisters in the amount of \$1000.00.
Sherri Statler of Christian Homes of Abilene in the amount of \$1000.00.
Jamie Breed of Harmony Family Services in the amount of \$500.00.



The remainder is to be distributed as follows:

- \$1,000 to reimburse the Kiwanis Foundation Pancake Equipment fund; these funds were originally held out for the Marketing Initiative
- \$2,000 to establish a restricted budget line item for four (4) Hixson Fellowships at \$500 each
- \$500 contribution to Fort Imagination
- \$700 to establish a restricted budget line item for disaster relief

Gordon also noted that \$2,776.66 had been collected each week as “cup money” and that it would be distributed equally between the Boys and Girls Club and the Ben Richey Boys Ranch.

TAILGATE PARTY

Vice President Bruce Davis asked that members interested in helping with the upcoming Tailgate party see Caroline Lee to sign up. Please call the office at 673-1341 if you can help. The event is November 3rd.

MEMBERSHIP

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Date</u>
Connie Stevens	Dub Pritchett	10/4/06
Dub Hawkins	Pamela McGrew	10/4/06
Bruce Benton	Van Boozer	10/11/06 (member since 08/30/06)

YOU'RE COMMITTEES AT A GLANCE

For a better understanding we will continue with this information to make sure we all understand the purposes of our various committees and who's leading the committees this year!

Membership--Russell Berry & David Bacon

Strives to increase membership. Considers all membership applications and submits its recommendations to the board of directors.

New Member Involvement & Education--Doug Williamson

Develops an effective orientation for new members and looks for ways to quickly assimilate new members into the Club and its activities.

Attendance & Retention--Dennis Laster

Monitor attendance and reaches out to members who are "missing in action"

Caring & Support--Kimberley Cole & Van Boozer

Sends cards, makes phone calls, and stays in touch with members who are in need of special support.

Celebrations--Susan Moellinger

Plans, organizes and implement social activities of the Club to include the annual Celebration Banquet.

Spiritual Aims--Charles Kirkpatrick

Implement projects that support spiritual development. Projects can encourage interfaith and interdenominational religious activity, but should not support a specific religious set. Projects include prayer breakfasts, layman of the year awards, and program arrangements prior to Christmas and Easter.

Public Relations—Sheila Watts

"Toots our horn" – ensures that the public receives, through the media and other means, the Objects, goals, programs and achievements of the Club.

More Next Week!

GUESTS FOR 10/18/06

Royce Manning introduced the guests.

Janet Ardoyno and Sherri Statler were guests of the Club.

Faye Dodson was the guest of Kelly Jones.

Bradley Campbell was the guest of David Bacon.

Ron Roche was the guest of Bill Hoogstra.

Earlene Clay was the guest of Billy Clay.

Priscilla Aldredge, Tommy Aldredge and Mark Chatman were guests from the Clyde-Golden K Club.

Luncheon Cup Money for October 18, 2006 was \$44.57

FUTURE PROGRAMS

11/01/06-"Travel Tips"-Russell Berry

11/08/06-Veterans Day Program-TBA

11/15/06-TBA

11/22/06-Thanksgiving Program (Spiritual Aims)

11/29/06-Wal-Mart "Holiday Ideas"

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12/06/06-"Foreign Combat"

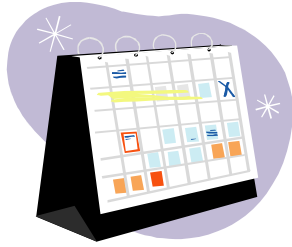
12/13/06-Christmas Music

12/20/06-Holiday Program (Spiritual Aims)

Programs are subject to change without notice.

KIWANIS' CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/27/06 & 10/28/06-K-Family Conference, Marriott DFW Airport



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11/03/06-United for Kids Tailgate Party

11/04/06-Charter night for new Kiwanis Club of Fort Stockton

11/10/06-TENTATIVE-Charter night for new Builder's Club.

11/14/06-Division 35 Council Meeting, Cotton Patch Restaurant, 6:30pm

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12/04/06-Governor's Banquet

OUR NEXT PROGRAM-10/25/06

GARY MCNOLL

"Today's FBI"

Gary W. McNoll, Senior Resident Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Abilene, Texas Resident Agency will be our next guest speaker.

Gary received his Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Business from Iowa State University, Ames Iowa in 1977. He has his Masters degree in Professional Accounting from the University of Texas, Austin, Texas which he received in 1980. From 1980-1982 he was a Certified Public Accountant with the tax department, Arthur Young and Company, Dallas, Texas. From 1982-1983 he was assigned to the Dallas, Texas FBI office, Bank Robbery and Violent Crimes Squad. Currently he is an FBI Special Agent since 1982.

He has also served since 1983 covering all criminal investigative matters with primary responsibilities in violent crime and child pornography investigations.

Gary is married to Christi, a 6th grade teacher in Wylie ISD. They have two children Mason, 17 and Marla, 15.

THANK YOU

Dear Fellow Kiwanians;

You overwhelmed me at the Celebration Banquet when David announced that I would be the first recipient of the coveted Bailey G. Choate Award. Bailey was indeed a devoted Long Term Kiwanian and friend who served as a leader to all of us over a period of time. He was full of inspiring goal achieving ideas that served as a challenge to us all. He carried the torch for The Texas Oklahoma District and the local clubs. He lighted the way to accomplish the many services the youth and children of our community received. Service was his goal and life. Thank you all for relating me to Bailey in this way and leading me into some of his paths. Kiwanis has been a blessing to me and my family. It is fun and fulfilling to serve through Kiwanis.

Henry McGinty

Dear Friends:

Please accept our sincerest gratitude for the donation from your organization provided to the City of Abilene's Community Services Department for the reconstruction of the Ft. Imagination playground.

Donations like these will help reconstruct the facility for the youth of Abilene.

Again, thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely, Mike Hall, Director

Community Services Department

Thanks so much to all of the members of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene for partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters to match children in Abilene with adult caring mentors! Thanks so much!

Tim Yandell, Executive Director, Abilene

Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Central Texas

SOMETHING ELSE

Did you know-

Trick-or-Treating is an Irish tradition, based on a custom where the wealthy land owners would give food to the poor people of the village on Halloween night. They believed that the ghosts would look favorably on them for doing so and therefore spare them from mischief. This custom of Trick-or-Treating was brought to North America in the 1800's.



WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

2006-2007 OFFICERS

<i>Margaret Hoogstra</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Carl Lockett</i>	<i>President-Elect</i>
<i>Lora Lynn Christensen</i>	<i>Vice-President</i>	<i>Ricki Brown</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Bruce Davis</i>	<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Kimberley Cole</i>	<i>Foundation Treasurer</i>
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<i>Gordon Dowell</i>	<i>Immediate Past-President</i>	<i>Henry McGinty</i>	<i>Assistant Secretary</i>

2005-2006 DIRECTORS

TWO YEARS

Charles Kirkpatrick
George Knight
LuGene Lewis
Pam McGrew
Kenny Smith

ONE YEAR

Russell Berry
Dennis Laster
Clinton Nix
Sheila Watts
Mark Young

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