

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 10/25/06

President Margaret Hoogstra presided over the meeting. **Ty Purcell** led the singing and **Millie Braddy** played the piano. **Ken Lenoir** led the prayer; **Randall Williams** led the pledge and **Dub Pritchett** introduced the program.

WHAT A MEETING! October 25, 2006

TODAY'S FBI
Gary MacNoll

Federal Bureau of Investigation, that's what FBI means. For those of you not in attendance on Wednesday, we found out just what the FBI does.



Gary MacNoll discussed quite an interesting number of things beginning with the FBI's main task which is protecting us all from a terrorist attack. They also protect against foreign intelligence operations and espionage, protect against cyber-based attacks and high-technology crimes. They combat public corruption at all levels, protect civil rights, combat transnational/national criminal organizations and enterprises, and combat major white collar-crime. The FBI combats significant violent crime, supports federal, state, local and international partners and upgrades technology to successfully perform the FBI's mission.

Gary shared with us these facts: a person wishing to join the FBI must be between the ages of 23-37 and have earned their Bachelor's Degree. Of course they also have to pass many screenings. The FBI has been around for over 100 years and is not just here in the USA but overseas too.

On July 26, 2006, the Federal Bureau of Investigation celebrated 98 years of public service and since that day in the year 1908 that small group of 34 investigators has grown into a cadre of over 30,000 employees.

Here is something else that is interesting: Each symbol and color in the FBI seal has special significance. The dominant blue field of the seal and the scales on the shield represent justice. The endless circle of 13 stars denotes unity of purpose as exemplified by the original 13 states. The laurel leaf has, since early civilization, symbolized academic honors, distinction and fame. There are exactly 46 leaves in the two branches, since there were 46 states in the Union when the FBI was founded in 1908. The significance of the red and white parallel stripes lies in their colors. Red traditionally stands for courage, valor, strength, while white conveys cleanliness, light, truth, and peace. As in the American Flag, the red bars exceed the white by one. The motto, "Fidelity, Bravery, Integrity," succinctly describes the motivating force behind the men and women of the FBI. The peaked beveled edge which circumscribes the seal symbolizes the severe challenges confronting the FBI, and the ruggedness of the organization. The gold color in the seal conveys its over-all value.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Dick Kincaid's wife Joanne.

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 – The God of the Second Chance

I heard a story about when Thomas Edison was working to invent this crazy contraption called a "light bulb." It took a whole team of men working for twenty-four hours to put just one light bulb together. The story goes that when Edison's team was finished with one light bulb, he gave it to a young boy to carry upstairs. Step by step he carefully carried it, afraid that he might drop this priceless piece of work. You can probably guess what happened; the poor boy dropped the bulb at the top of the stairs. It took the team of men twenty-four more hours to make another bulb. Finally, tired and ready for a break, Edison was ready to have his bulb carried upstairs. He gave it to the same young boy who dropped the first one. That's true forgiveness. Mr. Edison gave the boy another chance!

God offers that same kind of forgiveness. He offers man a second chance -- and a third!

BIRTHDAYS –November

Ken Poynor	1	LuGene Lewis	4
Jack Harkins	2	Don Riddle	6

KIWANIS MINUTE

More than 6000,000 Kiwanis-family members in 96 countries make their mark by responding to the needs of their communities and pooling their resources to address worldwide issues. In a typical year, Kiwanis clubs invest more than 6.2 million hours and US\$100 million in communities around the world.

WHAT ABOUT PAMELA?

Pamela McGrew is the Administrator at Windcrest Alzheimer's Care Center. She grew up and graduated from Seminole High School (near Hobbs, NM). Her father is a preacher and her mom owned and operated a beauty salon. She is the middle child and the only one to escape Seminole. Pamela earned her Bachelors at ACU, her Masters at Our Lady of the Lake, San Antonio, returning to ACU for her Administrator's License. She has been at Windcrest since 1999, is a member of Hillcrest Church of Christ, and a member of the Alzheimer's Association Advisory Council. She and her husband Mike were married on Valentine's Day and will celebrate 20 years in 2007. They have a son Bradley who is a junior at Cooper High School.

So now you know the rest of the story!

PECANS

It's time to spread the word. We are purchasing 400 Lbs. of Pecans! We anticipate sales to begin November 8th. Begin sharing this yummy news with everyone you know. The pecans will sell for \$8.50 per pound.



TAILGATE PARTY

It's burgers for dinner Friday night, the cost is \$5.00. It's for, The United for Kids Tailgate Party at Shotwell Stadium before the big Abilene/Cooper Football game. Who do you think will win? See you 5:30pm-8:00pm. All proceeds will benefit the work of Big Brothers Big Sisters and The Boys and Girls Clubs.

GUESS WHAT?



Nancy Miller has been encouraged recently to run for Governor of the Texas-Oklahoma District once again, and she said YES! The board has agreed to support her and a vote by members offered full support of our club. Congratulations Nancy!

COMMITTEES

President Hoogstra asked members to consider signing up for the following committees that fell short of membership: Elections, Membership, New Member Involvement & Education, Attendance & Retention.

Please see the chair of these committees to sign up as soon as possible.

Luncheon Cup Money for October 25, 2006 was \$37.21

YOUR COMMITTEES AT A GLANCE

We this information is helping you to better understand the purposes of our various committees and who's leading the committees this year?

Program--Chris Carnohan & J. R. Velasco

Meets the third Thursday of every month. Reviews programs of the past month and plans, organizes and arranges future programs.

Interclub--Bill Hoogstra

Encourages members to visit other Kiwanis Clubs within the community and District according to Interclub guidelines.

Sponsored Youth--John Thomas

Looks for ways and means to establish and support the Kiwanis Family organizations such as Kiwanis Kids clubs in elementary schools, Builders Clubs in middle schools, Key Clubs in high schools, Circle K clubs in the university and colleges, and Aktion Clubs for adults with disabilities.

Agriculture--Royce Manning

The Ag Committee's sole purpose is to uphold the Kiwanis Club of Abilene motto, "helping change the community one child at a time". All of the committee's budgeted money is directed to the benefits of young folks involved in the agriculture community.

Boys and Girls Committee--Guinn Smith

Promotes the welfare of local children, youth and youth organizations such as Boys and Girls Club, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Boy Scouts, etc.

SOS (Save our Schools)--Russell Berry

Adoption of Reagan Elementary School.

Community Service--Jamie Breed

Promotes the welfare of adult citizens and organizations such as Meals on Wheels, Hope Haven, and Christian Homes.

Vocational Guidance--Robert Burch & Ken Lenoir

In charge of salutatorian/valedictorian program, and selecting vocational guidance scholarship recipients. Committee work begins after the first of the year and concludes in May, at end of school year.

Scholarship

Jerry Carter

Administers the scholarship program of the Club that is funded through the Club's Foundation. Five \$1,000 scholarships – by Foundation board action.

Young Children Priority One

Lora Lynn Christensen

Implements projects for children, prenatal through age five. Projects can address maternal and child health, childcare, early development, nutrition, parenting, education and support, advocacy, pediatric trauma, or safety.

See by Three

Vision screenings.

MEMBERSHIP

New Member

Connie Stevens
Dub Hawkins
Bruce Benton

Sponsor

Dub Pritchett
Pamela McGrew
Van Boozar

Date

10/4/06
10/4/06
10/11/06 (member since 08/30/06)

GUESTS FOR 10/25/06

Susan Moellinger introduced the guests.
Mel Hailey was the guest of Clarence Presswood.
Britt was the guest of Dub Pritchett.
Bradley Campbell was the guest of David Bacon.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

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



11/02/06-Board Meeting, Cotton Patch Restaurant, 12:00pm (changed from 11/09/06)
11/03/06-United for Kids Tailgate Party
11/04/06-Charter night for new Kiwanis Club of Fort Stockton
11/10/06-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

THANK YOU

Dear Friends at the Kiwanis Club of Abilene,

As the school year begins and we find our clubs reaching full capacity, we wish to thank you for your continued support of the Boys and Girls Club of Abilene! Your gift has made it possible for our kids to enjoy the summer programs, field trips, and camps. We had 60 of our children attend week long camps at the Salvation Army camp in Midlothian, Texas, and at the Camp of the Hills in Marble Falls.

They all came back excited and ready for another trip next year! Even more children enjoyed short camps at Frontier Texas!, the Abilene Performing Arts Center, and Old Navy business camp. Such wonderful opportunities for the children we serve to expand their horizons through adventures in learning and fellowship! The summer sessions also provided swimming, skating, trips to the Paramount to enjoy the free summer kid friendly movies provided by the Paramount, and trips to the zoo. We ended the year with a fun picnic at Lee Park where the kids enjoyed hotdogs, games, and competed in different contests.

The new school year brings new challenges but we are looking forward to providing a safe and fun place for all the 4,200 children who utilize the club in some fashion and the 1,800+ members who enjoy the programs and fun we offer. Thank you for you having a stake in the lives of the children of Abilene.

Sincerely,

Mark Young, Executive Director

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your gift of \$1,388.33, 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

OUR NEXT PROGRAM-11/1/06

TRAVEL TIPS

Russell Berry

It's kinda hard to write an introduction for the speaker when you are the speaker!!!
(*"No not me the editor, but Russell Berry himself! I'm sure you'll find this interesting, I certainly did!"*)
...but I couldn't get anybody on the program committee to write an intro for me, and I knew Caroline would pitch a "hissy fit" if somebody didn't get a program introduction in to her for the Kiwanigram. So... (*"So the editor is laughing hysterically now"*).

Here are some things you might not know about our speaker for today. He was born and lived in Seagraves for the first 14 years of his life, attended elementary and junior high school there. Graduated from the same high school as Willie Nelson, Abbott High School, only Willie was about 4 years ahead of him. Willie looks like he was a lot more years ahead, but Russell is trying real hard to look older!!

He was lucky enough to be named to the Class B All-State Basketball team his junior and senior years, and was awarded a basketball scholarship to Howard Payne University where he graduated in 1963.

While at Howard Payne he met a candidate for Miss Wool of Texas, and he finally accepted her proposal to marry her in March of 1963. Paula and Russell had a son in June, 1964, named Jeff, who was baby sat by the ever-popular gospel singer Cynthia Clawson while she was a student at Howard Payne. In 1970, Paula gave birth at Hendrick Medical Center to a beautiful daughter, Kristin. Both of those children have produced four unbelievably intelligent and beautiful grandchildren. . .of course, we don't see them real often, but this is the "unbiased" opinion of all the grandparents.

Russell launched his coaching/teaching career as an assistant at Howard Payne while completing his master's degree, then in school districts at Comanche, Floydada, Lubbock Coronado, and Hurst-Eules-Bedford, before returning to Howard Payne as the Chairman of the Physical Education Department, Assistant Basketball Coach, Intramural Director, Dorm Director, teaching load of 9 classes, and Chairman of Catalog Revision Committee.. .whew!!!..makes me tired just thinking about it!! Moved with the Head Basketball Coach, Glen Whitis, to NCAA Division I Hardin-Simmons University in 1970 to serve as his assistant, and after his tragic and sudden death in 1972, became the Athletic Director and Head Basketball Coach of that great institution. We don't talk about his record there, which wasn't real bad, but we do talk about the student/athletes we had. Some really good players who have distinguished themselves in many areas of life...the more well-known being Steadman Graham, Oprah's steady, and Harvey Catchings who played professionally for over 12 years and has a daughter currently playing on the professional women's circuit.

He has been in the travel business since May, 1976, and currently is a partner in ownership of The Travel Factory. Over 30 years experience in the travel business qualifies him to cautiously give some advice about current travel trends and tips. If he can't answer all your questions, then his best advice is to **ASK DOUG!!!**



INTERCLUB-North Abilene-10/20/06

Lora Lynn Christensen, Bill Hoogstra, Jerry Harris, Mark Young, Keith Garner, Jamie Breed

INTERCLUB-Key City-10/23/06

Clarence Presswood, Donald McDonald, Van Boozer, Glyn Hammons, Jeff Goodin

INTERCLUB-Greater Abilene-10/26/06

Keith Garner, Russell Johnson, Donald McDonald, Guinn Smith, Clarence Presswood

SOMETHING ELSE

Here are some pictures to show you the See By Three program at work.



WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

2006-2007 OFFICERS

<i>Margaret Hoogstra</i>	<i>President</i>
<i>Lora Lynn Christensen</i>	<i>Vice-President</i>
<i>Bruce Davis</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
<i>Guinn Smith</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
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<i>Henry McGinty</i>	<i>Assistant Secretary</i>

2005-2006 DIRECTORS

TWO YEARS

Charles Kirkpatrick
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LuGene Lewis
Pam McGrew
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ONE YEAR

Russell Berry
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