

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

## OUR NEXT PROGRAM

### WAL-MART “HOLIDAY IDEAS”

It is that time of year again!  
Time to figure out what to get who for Christmas.

Wal-Mart to the Rescue!

David will be back with a new helper, Kris, to show us all kinds of gift ideas. You will learn what the new technology gadget is, what toy the kids must have, and what to get the person who has everything.

Don't miss out on this entertaining program, and don't forget a pen & paper to write down ideas!



### OPENING CEREMONY FOR 11/22/06

**President-Elect Carl Lockett** presided over the meeting. **David Jones** led the singing and **Millie Braddy** played the piano. **Nancy Miller** led the prayer; **J.R. Velasco** led the pledge and **J.C. McCurdy** introduced the program.

**WHAT A MEETING!** November 22, 2006

### **TERRY BROWN** **Pulpit Minister-Hillcrest Church of Christ**

Discussing the “brown bag” and showing us all the many he has received over the years Terry Brown told of his joys with children and the secrets inside the “brown bag”. One of the things that Terry enjoys is working with the children noting that “children do say the most unusual things”. His most favorite thing in the world is being a “Grandpa”.

We had the pleasure of hearing a few short stories one being “Thank God for Seagulls”. Terry gave his thoughts on what a seagull was and how quickly he learned just what a scavenger and vulture they could be. His thoughts then being; why would someone thank God for seagulls? He told of Eddie Rickenbacker best known as a World War I fighter ace and CEO of Eastern Airlines. Eddie was in a plane that crashed, he and the survivors overcame death thanks to daily prayer and devotionals. Clinging to only a raft, a seagull, out of no where, landed on Eddie's head and upon a quick capture it was equally divided and also used as bait to catch fish which saved the lives of the men.



Upon rescue, Eddie went on to feed the seagulls each and everyday as a way of thanking them for saving all of their lives during those horrible 24 days in the Pacific Ocean. There was much to be thankful for.

Terry encouraged us all to be thankful for the many blessings we have each and everyday and for our relationship with God this Thanksgiving and each day of our lives.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Dick Kincaid's wife Joanne.

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

Joe Felton \*\*\* Nelda Wallace \*\*\* Billy Clay \*\*\* H. Bedford Furr \*\*\*

Bill Alexander \*\*\*

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

### **SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE –**

There was an old missionary who struggled by himself for many years in a remote African village. Finally, the Mission Board sent a young man to help him. When he arrived, they called together the chief and the entire tribe to welcome him. Then they asked the young man to say a few words. He could speak only English, so the old missionary stood by to translate.

"We must always remember," the young man said, "that there is an infinite and qualitative distinction between the eternal gospel and all the historical manifestations of it under the contingencies of human existence."

The old missionary stood dumbfounded as the young man waited for him to translate. Finally, he turned to the people and said, "Friends, he says he loves you and is glad to be here."

And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Matthew 6:7

### **BIRTHDAYS-November/December**

None this week.

### **BUILDER'S CLUB**

There were six club members in attendance for the November 10<sup>th</sup> Charter Night for the new Builder's Club. A delicious meal was served and enjoyed by all. The highlight of the evening was the magician that performed for the children.

### **GOVERNOR'S BANQUET**

Monday Evening, December 4<sup>th</sup>

Abilene Christian University,

1600 Campus Court

#### **DIVISION COUNCIL MEETING**

6:00pm-Rm. 115 College of Biblical Studies Bldg.

#### **PARTNERS RECEPTION WITH FIRST LADY JANE CRUMP**

6:00pm-Rm. 250 College of Biblical Studies Bldg.

#### **GOVERNORS BANQUET**

7:00pm-Hilton Rm. McGlothlin Campus Center

Cost is \$13.00p/p

### **CHRISTMAS PARADE**

All five of the Abilene Kiwanis Clubs will be participating in this year's Downtown Christmas Parade on November 28<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for Kiwanians to walk the parade route and pass out candy. Please contact Caroline Lee at 673-1341 as soon as possible if you would like to participate.

## SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS

Brad Campbell asked Kiwanians and friends to consider donating food to The **21st Annual Share Your Christmas Food Drive**. Non-perishable food and/or monetary gifts will benefit the **Food Bank of West Central Texas**. United Supermarket on South 14<sup>th</sup> Street will accept donations on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00am-11:00pm. Last year, the drive raised a little over 250,000 pounds of food. This year's goal is ONE MILLION pounds of food.

## PECANS

It's time to think about Christmas! There are still lots of Pecans to be sold with the money going to our Administrative Account. These will make great stocking stuffers!



**Luncheon Cup Money for November 22, 2006 was \$40.66**

# 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 Boozar	10/11/06 (member since 08/30/06)
Faye Dodson	Kelly Jones	11/1/06
Bradley Campbell	David Bacon	11/1/06

## GUESTS FOR 11/22/06

**Ray King** introduced the guests.

Mary Ann Martin was the guest of Melvin Martin.

Karri Leavenworth was the guest of Russell Leavenworth.

Shane Holdridge was the guest of Donna McCartney.

Earlene Clay was the guest of Billy Clay.

Wade Armstrong from the Greater Abilene Club was the guest of J.R. Velasco.

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

12/06/06-No Meeting-Round Table	1/10/07-TBA
12/13/06-Christmas Music	1/17/06-Pep Rally-Basketball Shoot Out
12/20/06-Holiday Program (Spiritual Aims)	1/24/06-TBA
12/27/06-TBA	1/31/06-TBA

*Programs are subject to change without notice.*



## KIWANIS' CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/04/06-Governor's Banquet 7:00pm//Diviso in 35 Council Meeting 6:00pm  
1/22/06-10<sup>th</sup> Annual Basketball Shoot Out

## THANK YOU

*Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our soul's blossom.—Marcel Proust*

Sometimes the biggest measure of impact on a child's life is found in their laughter, their eyes widening in wonderment, or the simple smile that comes from thrill of accomplishment. The members, the board, and the staff thank you for providing a positive place for kids!

The Boys and Girls Club of Abilene wishes you and your loved ones a warm and happy Thanksgiving.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

12<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Conference-Abilene Civic Center-February 9, 2007-9am-2:30pm

### SOMETHING ELSE

#### Puppy Size

"Danielle keeps repeating it over and over again. We've been back to this animal shelter at least five times. It has been weeks now since we started all of this," the mother told the volunteer.

"What is it she keeps asking for?" the volunteer asked.

"Puppy size!" replied the mother.

"Well, we have plenty of puppies, if that's what she's looking for."

"I know... we have seen most of them," the mom said with frustration...

Just then Danielle came walking into the office.

"Well, did you find one?" asked her mom. "No, not this time," Danielle said with sadness in her voice. "Can we come back on the weekend?"

The two women looked at each other, shook their heads and laughed. "You never know when we will get more dogs. Unfortunately, there's always a supply," the volunteer said.

Danielle took her mother by the hand and headed to the door. "Don't worry, I'll find one this weekend," she said.

Over the next few days both mom and dad had long conversations with her. They both felt she was being too particular. "It's this weekend or we're not looking anymore," Dad finally said in frustration.

"We don't want to hear anything more about 'puppy size' either," Mom added.

Sure enough, they were the first ones in the shelter on Saturday morning. By now Danielle knew her way around, so she ran right for the section that housed the smaller dogs.

Tired of the routine, mom sat in the small waiting room at the end of the first row of cages. There was an observation window so you could see the animals during times when visitors weren't permitted.

Danielle walked slowly from cage to cage, kneeling periodically to take a closer look. One by one the dogs were brought out and she held each one.

One by one she said, "Sorry, you're not the one."

It was the last cage on this last day in search of the perfect pup. The volunteer opened the cage door and the child carefully picked up the dog and held it closely. This time she took a little longer.

"Mom, that's it! I found the right puppy! He's the one! I know it!" She screamed with joy. "It's the puppy size!"

"But it's the same size as all the other puppies you held over the last few weeks," Mom said.

"No not size---the sighs. When I held him in my arms, he sighed," she said.

"Don't you remember? When I asked you one day what love is, you told me love depends on the sighs of your heart. The more you love, the bigger the sigh!"

The two women looked at each other for a moment. Mom didn't know whether to laugh or cry. As she stooped down to hug the child, she did a little of both.

"Mom, every time you hold me, I sigh. When you and Daddy come home from work and hug each other, you both sigh. I knew I would find the right puppy if it sighed when I held it in my arms," she said.

Then holding the puppy close to her face she said, "Mom, he loves me. I heard the sighs of his heart!"

Close your eyes for a moment and think about the love that makes you sigh. I not only find it in the arms of my loved ones, but in the caress of a sunset, the kiss of the moonlight and the gentle brush of cool air on a hot day.

They are the sighs of God. Take the time to stop and listen; you will be surprised at what you hear.

**"Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but the moments that take our breath away."**



## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

### 2006-2007 OFFICERS

<i>Margaret Hoogstra</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Carl Lockett</i>	<i>President-Elect</i>
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*George Knight*  
*LuGene Lewis*  
*Pam McGrew*  
*Kenny Smith*

#### **ONE YEAR**

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*Dennis Laster*  
*Clinton Nix*  
*Sheila Watts*  
*Mark Young*

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