

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

## OUR NEXT PROGRAM

### “THE HAGAR SISTERS”

Our program for December 20<sup>th</sup> is a trio known in the Abilene area as the “Hagar Sisters.” The three sisters, who have been singing together all their lives, are Heather, Emily, and Holly.

Heather, the oldest, is married to Cory Baker, they have three children – Bailey (8) and twins Braden and Sydney (4). In addition to singing, Heather also plays the piano and French horn and works in the Missions Department at Pioneer Drive Baptist.

Emily, the middle sister, is married to Patrick Clancy. Emily and Patrick have two children – Elizabeth (5) and Meredith (2 ½). Emily is a part-time Pre-Kindergarten teacher at First Friends Preschool.

Holly, the youngest of the three sisters, is married to Wes Soben. Holly and Wes have one child – Davis (20 months). Holly teaches aerobics at the YMCA and does volunteer work for the Hendrick Hospital Auxiliary and the Abilene State School.

The trio will be accompanied on piano by Jasen Brown, Associate Minister of Music at Pioneer Drive Baptist Church. Jasen is a graduate of Florida State University and Southwestern Theological Seminary. Jasen is also a cellist with the Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra.

### OPENING CEREMONY FOR 12/13/06

**President Margaret Hoogstra** presided over the meeting. **David Jones** led the singing and **Millie Braddy** played the piano. **Bud Coke** led the prayer; **Pamela McGrew** led the pledge and **Charles Kirkpatrick** introduced the program.

### WHAT A MEETING! December 13, 2006

#### CARA NAIZER

The Voice of Clyde High School

The Voice of Clyde High School, under the direction of Cara Naizer and Cindy Davenport presented a wonderful musical program.

Attired in elegant black and white, the students performed a number of songs beginning with “Siyahamba” and “The One Who Stands Alone”. To get us in the spirit of Christmas, with their Santa hats on they sang “Carol of the Bells”. Cara Naizer asked members to join in, for a Christmas Sing-a-long medley of “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”, “Angels We Have Heard on High” and “Joy to the World”. The ladies sang “Santa Baby” and the group finished with a favorite “Santa Clause is Comin’ to Town.”



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Ty Purcell and his family, Ty's father has passed away.  
For the family and friends of Donna, past member Connell Taylor's wife who passed away.  
Dick Kincaid's wife Joanne.  
A.C. Johnson's son-in-law.  
Joe Felton \*\*\* Nelda Wallace \*\*\* Billy Clay \*\*\* Bill Alexander \*\*\*  
*To those not mentioned, our prayers are still with you.*



## SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE – The Meaning of Christmas

A television interviewer was walking streets of Tokyo at Christmas time. Much as in America, Christmas shopping is a big commercial success in Japan. The interviewer stopped one young woman on the sidewalk, and asked, "What is the meaning of Christmas?"

Laughing, she responded, "I don't know. Is that the day that Jesus died?"

There was some truth in her answer.

Donald Deffner, Seasonal Illustrations, San Jose: Resource

## BIRTHDAYS-December

W. D. Williams	21
Jerry Claxton	23
Glynn Hammons	23
H. E. (Bud) Coke	26

**KIWANIS MINUTE**-Kiwaniis was defined as "an organization for men" in the constitution adopted at the Denver "Constitutional Convention" in 1924. In 1987, after more than a decade of debate throughout the organization, delegates at the convention in Washington, D.C., voted overwhelmingly to eliminate gender as a membership requirement. Today, more than 10 percent of worldwide Kiwanis membership is female and about 20 percent of all new members are women.

## GUMBALL

"Gumball King" Earl Williams reported that for the month of November on a reading of 440 machines we received \$560.16. The grand total now being a spectacular \$225,344.80.



## MUSIC BOOKS

Our new music books have arrived. Look for them beginning in January.

## GRATUITIES

It's that time of year once again when the baskets are passed to collect money for the ladies that serve us each week at Briarstone. Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> will be the last day to show your thanks.



## SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS

Brad Campbell talked about 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 was accepting donations today, 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. Brad asked members to stop by and help reach the goal.

## AGRICULTURE



Royce Manning Chairman of the Agriculture Committee seemed to be in the Christmas Spirit this week. He had the pleasure of presenting pancake dollars to Waylon Jackson in the amount of \$750.00 for the Taylor County Livestock Association. He also presented Waylon with



\$125.00 for the "Showmanship Belt Buckle". Each of the following schools received \$150.00 for their Stock Shows; Abilene, Cooper, Wylie, Merkle, Trent and Jim Ned.

## DISASTER TRAINING

The Salvation Army-Disaster Training  
**Disaster Food Services: Handling and Delivering**  
Saturday January 27, 2007  
at  
The Salvation Army-1726 Butternut Street, Abilene  
325-677-1408  
Registration-8:30a.m.  
Class-9:00am-4:00p.m.

Please consider being a part of this program. The cost is only \$10.00 per person and includes lunch.

## PECANS

It's time to think about Christmas! Nancy Miller has 175 lbs. of pecans left to sell and we can all help by asking our family and friends to buy them. They also make great gifts! Please tell those buying them that the money is for our Administrative Account.



**Luncheon Cup Money for December 13, 2006 was \$54.25**

## GUESTS FOR 12/13/06

**Kenny Smith** introduced the guests.

Tom Lovvorn was the guest of Charles Kirkpatrick.

Ernie Kight and Randy Halstead were the guests of Nell Sims.

Roenna Thomas was the guest of John Thomas.

Fr. Terry Brennon was the guest of Tom Aguilar.

Chris Evatt was the guest of Guinn Smith.

Earlene Clay was the guest of Billy Clay.

Shirley Velasco was the guest of J. R. Velasco.

Jenn Waldmann and Britt Jones were the guests of David Jones.

George Woodfin was a guest from the Greater Abilene Club.

Kelby Wiley, Justin Richey, Nigel Nance, Lee Castleberry, Sara Bam, Kay Richards, Paige Robinson, Marshall Eaton, Jonathan Urbancyk, Scott Berry, Travis Evans, Randy Gillum, Rochelle Johnson and Waylon Jackson were guests of the Agriculture Committee.

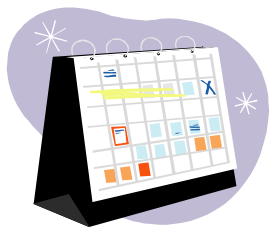
# MEMBERSHIP

<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)
Faye Dodson	Kelly Jones	11/1/06
Bradley Campbell	David Bacon	11/1/06

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

12/27/06-TBA	1/17/06-Pep Rally-Basketball Shoot Out
1/03/07-TBA	1/24/06-Veterans
1/10/06-TBA	1/31/06-TBA

*Programs are subject to change without notice.*



## KIWANIS' CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1/22/06-10<sup>th</sup> Annual Basketball Shoot Out

**INTERCLUB-** 12/1/06 North Abilene: Bill Hoogstra, Ken Poynor, Donald McDonald, Russell Johnson

**INTERCLUB-** Greater Abilene-12/14/06

Bill Hoogstra, Donald McDonald, Grady Jolly, Marcus Anderson, Mark Young, Don Scargall

**INTERCLUB-** North Abilene-12/15/06

North Abilene-December 15: Donald McDonald, LuGene Lewis, Roy Lewis, Bill Hoogstra, Lora Lyn Christiansen, Randy Williams

## COMMUNITY NEWS

West Texas Rehab Phonathon 2007-Abilene Civic Center-January 17, 18, 19, 2007—Volunteers are needed!  
Call Michelle Mickey at 677-1342 ext. 110

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

## THANK YOU/MERRY CHRISTMAS

*From our Home to Yours...*

*Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year*

*David, Elaine  
and the*

*Hendrick Home Family*

Thank you for your support in helping our family celebrate with each other. We hope all of your family will enjoy Christmas together as well. God Bless, David

Dear Friends:

In celebration of our new name we asked the nation's premier custom ornament company to create an ornament using the new Christian Homes & Family logo.

I'm very happy to present you with a first edition ornament, and do so with thanks and great appreciation for your contribution to our ministry of caring for young women with unplanned pregnancies and adopting their precious babies into the families of committed Christian couples.

Whether you hang the ornament for a couple of weeks on your Christmas tree, or year-round from your rearview mirror-my personal preference-each time you see it, I hope you are reminded of the comfort and joy you have brought to the lives of those we serve.

Happy Holidays,  
Sherri T. Statler, President

## **SOMETHING ELSE**

### **SILENT NIGHT**

On December 11, 1792, Joseph Mohr was born to a poor knitting woman in Salzburg, Austria. (Her husband had gone off to be a musketeer and left her to fend for herself.)

Joseph was raised in extreme poverty, cared for by his mother and elderly grandmother. The choirmaster at the cathedral became a foster father to the young boy and made sure that he received a good education, which included music.

Joseph Mohr went to the seminary in Salzburg and in 1815 was ordained to the priesthood. His first assignment was to a parish in a small Alpine village. During his two years there, he wrote a Christmas poem entitled "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht"-which in English is "Silent Night, Holy Night".

Two years later the young priest was assigned to St. Nicholas Parish in Oberndorf. While there, he became friends with the church organist, Franz Gruber, who lived in the neighboring village, a twenty minute walk away.

On December 24, 1818, Fr. Mohr walked to that village, bringing with him the Christmas poem he had written earlier. He asked Franz Gruber to set it to music.

That twenty minute walk resulted in the most famous and beloved Christmas song the world has ever known.

## **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>
<i>Guinn Smith</i>	<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Ty Purcell</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<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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