

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

OUR NEXT PROGRAM

TAYLOR COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT Randy Williams

In the State of Texas, most matters pertaining to Juvenile Delinquents are held as confidential in order to protect the child. The consequence of this is that the community is often unaware of the services and programs provided to these troubled teens. In November 1998, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), offered funding under the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program. The City of Abilene agreed to waive to Taylor County the funds allocated to their jurisdiction. The use of these funds was restricted to 11 different purpose areas aimed at enhancing local efforts in holding juvenile law violators accountable for their conduct. From 1998 through 2002, a significant portion of these funds were utilized for the "Graffiti Eradication Program that targeted youthful offenders referred for vandalism by spray-painting or "tagging" property. In 2003, that program was expanded to provide additional supervision for both the eradication of graffiti and other general community service projects such as alley trash pick-up and illegal dumping removal within the county. At our next meeting on December 27th, Randy Williams, Deputy Chief for the Taylor County Juvenile Probation Department and new member to our club, will give a presentation on Juvenile Delinquency in Taylor County and the Community Service Restitution Program.

OPENING CEREMONY FOR 12/20/06

Vice-President Lora Lynn Christensen presided over the meeting. **Don Scargall** led the singing and **Millie Braddy** played the piano. **Don Riddle** led the prayer; **Melvin Martin** led the pledge and **Charles Kirkpatrick** introduced the program.

WHAT A MEETING! December 20, 2006

"THE HAGER SISTERS"



Three lovely ladies known as the Hager sisters sang for us, accompanied by Jason Brown on the piano. Heather, Emily and Holly opened with "Down to the River to Pray" followed by "Go Tell it on the Mountain". Jason played a piano solo while Emily followed that with a solo of "O Holy Night". "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" was quite exciting and the ladies had everyone singing along and laughing, hopefully in the "Christmas" spirit after the meeting. The sisters then sang "Hark the Herald Angels Sing. Heather sang a solo of "The First Noel" and everyone joined in for "Silent Night".

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ty Purcell and his family, Ty's father has 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 –What's It All About?

To avoid offending anybody, the school dropped religion altogether and started singing about the weather. At my son's school, they now hold the winter program in February and sing increasingly non-memorable songs such as "Winter Wonderland," "Frosty the Snowman" and--this is a real song--"Suzy Snowflake," all of which is pretty funny because we live in Miami. A visitor from another planet would assume that the children belonged to the Church of Meteorology.

Dave Barry in his "Notes on Western Civilization", Chicago Tribune Magazine

BIRTHDAYS-December

Kenny Smith 31

KIWANIS MINUTE-Kiwaniis is not a "professional classification" organization. Any number of members from a particular business or profession can belong to a spectrum of its community.

GRATUITIES

Baskets were passed again today in hopes of members offering gratuities to the Briarstone staff for all of their hard work each week. A check in the amount of \$706.00 was presented to the staff by Vice-President Lora Lynn Christensen.



COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE



Jamie Breed, Community Services Committee Chair offered thanks from the following organizations that donations have been made to: The Noah Project, Inc. \$250, Meals on Wheels, Inc. \$250, The Salvation Army \$250, and Abilene Adult Day Care \$250.

Jamie also suggested that members volunteer to help the Salvation Army with sorting gifts from their Angel Tree this weekend. The West Texas Rehab 2007 Phonathon is coming up in January and volunteers are also needed. Sign up

sheets are available, please consider helping.

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

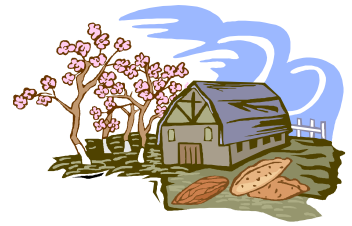
Registration-8:30a.m.

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

Celebrate Christmas and the New Year with Pecans. There are still many bags of pecans left to be sold. Fill your freezers, tell your friends! Remember that the money is for our Administrative Account.



Luncheon Cup Money for December 20, 2006 was \$50.39

GUESTS FOR 12/20/06

Ray King introduced the guests.

Don Connel was the guest of John Thomas.

Judy Phaneuf was the guest of Mark Hoover.

Bret Sosebee was the guest of Brad Campbell.

J. W. Simpson was the guest of A. C. Johnson.

Jim Lovelace was the guest of Bill Hoogstra.

Cara Williams was the guest of Randy Williams.

Earlene Clay was the guest of Billy Clay.

Beverley Lenoir was the guest of Ken Lenoir.

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
Vicky Stout	Kenny Smith	12/20/06

Welcome Vicky Stout to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene. Vicky is our newest member, sponsored by Kenny Smith. Vicky is Senior Account Manager with Area-Wide Phone Book.



FUTURE PROGRAMS

1/03/07-Jeff Salmon-Frontier Texas

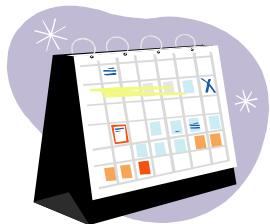
1/10/06-Ron Butler

1/17/06-Pep Rally-Basketball Shoot Out

Programs are subject to change without notice.

1/24/06-Club Business

1/31/06-Members who are Veterans



KIWANIS' CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1/22/06-10th Annual Basketball Shoot Out

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

*Best Wishes for a happy holiday  
Season and a prosperous New Year.  
FIRST FINANCIAL BANK*

~~~~~  
Dear Kiwanians:

Thank you so much for your recent \$500 donation to Harmony Family Services. For children in out of home care, the holidays can be a difficult time of separation from family and those things that are familiar. We try to make things a little extra special for our children in care during this time of year, and your generous donation helped us to replace some worn out carpet in our facility.

Your continued support of the children and youth we serve is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jamie Breed, MS, LBSW, LCPA
Executive Director

~~~~~  
*Happy Holidays and wishes for a wonderful New Year!*

Dear Kiwanians,

Thank you so much for your gift of \$1110.23 given to Big Brothers Big Sisters! We are grateful to be the recipient of these funds. This will help more Abilene children to be matched with a loving, caring mentor. Gratefully, Tim Yandell and the Board and Staff of BBBS.

~~~~~  
Wishing you a joyous and happy holiday season and a new year full of peace.

Thank you for supporting Junior Achievement of Abilene.

~~~~~  
Dear Friends,

Thank you for your donation to the Abilene-Cooper Livestock Show. You have been designated as a gold sponsor. Without the help of people such as you, this show would not be possible. You are helping support one of the greatest youth organizations in America. Our show will be January 13, 2007 at the AISD school farm. We would love to have you there,

Your interest and support of our organization is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dylan Hall, Chapter President  
Kay Richards, Chapter Advisor

~~~~~  
Kiwanians-

Thank you for your time and energy put into the Tailgate Party. All the best to you in 2007!

Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Central Texas, Inc.

SOMETHING ELSE

Did you Know-

People all over the world celebrate the end of the old year and the start of the new.

At the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve, people cheer and sing "Auld Lang Syne." The song, which means "old long since" or roughly "the good old days," was written by Robert Burns in 1788.

New Year's Eve is the largest one-day party event of the year.

It is traditional to make toasts on New Year's Eve. The custom of toasting with a ceremonial drink to observe a special moment originated with the ancient Greeks. During the reign of England's Elizabeth I, it became the custom to spice a piece of toasted bread by dipping the toast in one's wine. They would then drink the wine and eat the toast; thus, the custom became known as "toasting."

Making New Year's resolutions – pledges to change for the better in the coming year – is a common activity associated with this holiday. "From Hallmark"

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

2006-2007 OFFICERS

Margaret Hoogstra *President*
Lora Lynn Christensen *Vice-President*
Bruce Davis *Vice President*
Guinn Smith *Vice President*
Gordon Dowell *Immediate Past-President*

Carl Lockett *President-Elect*
Ricki Brown *Treasurer*
Kimberley Cole *Foundation Treasurer*
Ty Purcell *Secretary*
Henry McGinty *Assistant Secretary*

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

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene

473 Cypress Street, Suite 107, Abilene, Texas 79601

Telephone/Fax: 325-673-1341

Administrative Assistant/Editor: Caroline Lee

Email: Kiwanis@AbileneKiwanis.org

KIWANIS IS WHERE A NEEED IS Served