

K *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



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



OUR NEXT PROGRAM

Jeff Salmon

Come out and hear all about Frontier Texas this week.



OPENING CEREMONY FOR 12/27/06

President Margaret Hoogstra presided over the meeting. **Russell Berry** led the singing and **Lora Lynn Christensen** played the piano. **George Knight** led the prayer; **Tom Agulair** led the pledge and **Melvin Martin** introduced the program.

WHAT A MEETING! December 20, 2006

TAYLOR COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Randy Williams

Randy Williams was born in Stockton, California where he worked in the field of law enforcement from 1972-1976. He is married to Gaye Lynn and they have three children, Justin 24, Kristen 23, and Cara 21. Randy has worked in the field of Juvenile Corrections since 1979 as Director with the YMCA Juvenile Justice Program for 2 years here in Abilene. As Taylor County Juvenile Probation Officer for 4 years including Special Services Officer, TYC Contract Parole Officer and School Liaison Officer. Randy was Detention Supervisor for 5 years, Assistant Chief Juvenile Officer for 10 years and Deputy Chief Juvenile Officer, Fiscal Services for 7 years. Randy is involved with many organizations including being a member of our Kiwanis club, and has many accomplishments to his name.

Randy discussed how lucky we are here in Abilene to have a Juvenile Probation Department and a Police Department that works well together. He discussed the "Graffiti Eradication Program" as well as the issue of juvenile gangs. He noted that these few gangs are being watched and that in the past some of these characters have been sent to the Texas Youth Commission, from there, they rarely return to the community and if and when they do they don't seem to stay around for very long.

Hopes are always that, children who visit the Juvenile Probation Department will visit only once, and that they will be able to turn themselves around towards a better future. Children need to have positive feedback in their lives; they need to be taught work ethics and most of all they need to be in positive environments. Some of the community service projects Randy has seen these kids involved with are helping with the Tailgate set-up, Project Graduation set-up, Veterans Services-flag placements.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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—Resolutions for the New Year:

In the New Year, be sure to LIE, CHEAT, DRINK, SWEAR and STEAL more than you did last year.

LIE back and relax a little more this year.

CHEAT failure -- don't be afraid to try something new because you think you may fail.

DRINK from the fountain of knowledge.

SWEAR to do your best.

STEAL a little time for God. Take a little time each day to develop your relationship with God.

So, if you lie, cheat, drink, swear and steal just a little more in the next year, you will have a profitable and enjoyable year in 2007!

BIRTHDAYS-January

James Hallmark 8

KIWANIS MINUTE- Club by-laws set a limit of 90 minutes for a club meeting, from the time when the meeting is called to order until it is adjourned. Clubs in North America are required to meet weekly. In other areas of the world, many clubs meet bi-weekly.

GOOD NEWS

Members were asked this week to share their good news. One bit of good news was that J. C. McCurdy and his wife Arlyene were celebrating 67 years of marriage. Congratulations!

KIWANIGRAM

President Hoogstra thanked Charles Kirkpatrick and Caroline Lee for working on the Kiwanigram. Finally it is being emailed to board members. Please make sure your email addresses are correct so we can begin to email all club members.

SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS

Brad Campbell announced that the 21st Annual Share Your Christmas Food Drive to benefit the Food Bank of West Central Texas raised 900,000 pounds of food. A total of 500 pounds was donated by our Kiwanis club- Thank You! Last year, the drive raised a little over 250,000 pounds of food.

PECANS

Pecans, Pecans, Pecans! There are still many bags of pecans to be sold. If you haven't told everyone you know about these delicious nuts, now is the time. Fill your freezers, anytime is a good time for pecan pie! Remember that the money is for our Administrative Account.



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. Sign-up sheets were available at this weeks meeting and will be again for the next two meetings. Please sign up by January 11th, 2007.

Luncheon Cup Money for December 27, 2006 was \$39.21

GUESTS FOR 12/27/06

Guinn Smith introduced the guests.
Adam Broom was the guest of J.C. McCurdy.

MEMBERSHIP

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Date</u>
Connie Stephens	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

FUTURE PROGRAMS

1/10/07-Ron Butler///New Member Orientation
1/17/07-Pep Rally-Basketball Shoot Out
1/24/07-Club Business
1/31/07-Members who are Veterans

Programs are subject to change without notice.



KIWANIS' CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1/11/07-Board Meeting at the Cotton Patch Restaurant at 12 noon.
1/22/07-10th 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

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

## SOMETHING ELSE

### Kids say the funniest things.....

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the bottle. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. *"Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle."*

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While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, *"Are you a cop?"* "Yes," I answered and continued writing the report. *"My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?"* "Yes, that's right." "Well, then," she said as she extended her foot toward me, *"would you please tie my shoe?"*

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While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, *"The tooth fairy will never believe this!"*

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Little Tommy had been to a birthday party at a friend's house. Knowing his sweet tooth, Tommy's mother looked straight into his eyes and said, "I hope you didn't ask for a second piece of cake." *"No, but I asked Mrs. Smith for the recipe so you could make some like it, and she gave me two more pieces without my asking."*

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
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