

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

OUR NEXT PROGRAM

10th Annual Basketball Shoot Out Pep Rally David Jones



The McMurry University Indians will be hosting their cross-town rivals, the Hardin-Simmons University Cowboys in the **10th Annual - Kiwanis Club of Abilene - Basketball Shoot-Out**, on Monday, January 22nd.

Our club has been given a wonderful opportunity through these games to raise money for our **YOUNG CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE** projects and specifically **Meeks Children's Hospital**. The schools allow us to keep the gate receipts on all of the general admission tickets sold at the door. Plus, we send donation buckets around at the halftimes. **WHAT A DEAL!**

This Wednesday we will have the men and women's coaches from both teams with us to tell us about their players and the games in order to get us **"Pumped Up."** This meeting is always a lot of fun, so come join in and get caught up in the excitement of the games.

This is a great annual fundraiser for our club. **We will need your help** selling tickets, passing out programs and collecting donations at halftime. Please take the opportunity to sign up for one or both of the shifts. **Thanks for your support!**

OPENING CEREMONY FOR 01/10/07

President Margaret Hoogstra presided over the meeting. **Ken Poynor** led the singing and **Millie Braddy** played the piano. **Pamela McGrew** led the prayer; **Russell Leavenworth** led the pledge and **Kelly Jones** introduced the program.

WHAT A MEETING! January 10, 2007



FIRST FINANCIAL BANK Ron Butler

Ron Butler President and CEO of First Financial Bank, Abilene discussed the economic conditions of our area. Ron knew many Kiwanians and began telling of his "before" banking career, we learned all about football and the importance of the stats.

Abilene attracts customers to come here and shop. Consumers are drawn here for food, entertainment, homes and even automobiles. Ron briefly discussed the Oil and Gas sector noting that there was lots of activity elsewhere in the state of Texas as well as in the country.

In Real Estate there had been an increase in 2006 construction permits, Home sales were similar to the previous year and the Single family housing market is strong. The community's Hotel and Motel tax receipts were up and Abilene is looking at many new hotels, and other businesses, this year. There is a lot of activity with regards to Healthcare in Abilene with both large hospitals.

Abilene is lucky to have an airport and even with Allegiant Air leaving in February the airport is still running strong. Some weaknesses mentioned were in the areas of apparel and home furnishings although retail sales are up 7.3%. Members were then given the opportunity to ask Ron questions.

ORIENTATION

This week was also New Member Orientation. Doug Williamson led the orientation with the encouraging words of Henry McGinty, Nancy Miller and Guinn Smith. There were four new members in attendance and one perspective new member.



PRAYER REQUESTS

James Hallmark.

Roy Lewis.

LuGene Lewis.

Margaret Jolly.

J. R. Velasco's mother Olivia Velasco.

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

Life is filled with difficulties and problems...agree? Yet, the Apostle Paul could say, "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances." Phil. 4:11. To do this, perhaps we need to have on our hearts and lips at all times the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi: "Lord, grant me the courage to change the things I can change, the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, and the wisdom to know the difference." I suspect life would be a lot happier for us all if we could adopt this attitude.

BIRTHDAYS-January

Kristen Carnohan 17

Jim Miller 20

KIWANIS MINUTE- Kiwanis International's continuing focus is called "Young Children: Priority One".

This program seeks to serve the special needs of young children from prenatal development to age 5 in four areas: Maternal and Child health, Child care and development, Parent education and support, and Safety programs and pediatric trauma care.

GUMBALL

"Gumball King" Earl Williams reported that for the month of December from a reading of 336 machines in operation we received \$376.20. The grand total now being a \$225,721.00.



PECANS

Are You Nuts? If you have not bought your winter stash of pecans you need to do so now. There are still enough bags of pecans to go around. Help your club finish up selling these delicious nuts. You may now have them billed to your account!

DISASTER TRAINING-Reminder

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.

Luncheon Cup Money for January 10, 2006 was \$39.92

GUESTS FOR 01/10/06

Susan Moellinger introduced the guests.
Wesley Smith was the guest of Bradley Campbell.
Tim Chandler was the guest of John Thomas.
Carol Casey was the guest of Caroline Lee.
Justin Williams was the guest of Randy Williams.
Shirley Velasco was the guest of J. R. Velasco.

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

1/24/07-Club Business
1/31/07-Members who are Veterans
Programs are subject to change without notice.



KIWANIS' CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1/22/07-10th Annual Basketball Shoot Out
2/8/07-Board Meeting at the Cotton Patch Restaurant at 12 noon.

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

## FROM THE CLUB-

Dear Dr. H. Bedford Furr,

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene is honored to have you as a long time member. Your continuous giving and dedication to Kiwanis is shown time and time again in the many kind things that you do to help “Change the world one child and one community at a time”.

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene wishes to **Thank you** for your recent most generous donation, for the purchase of much needed Kiwanis song books.

Fondly,

Your Fellow Kiwanians

## THANK YOU

Sheila Watts

Chair, Foundation Scholarship Committee

Dear Madam:

Jesus Said, “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in” (Matt 25:35).

I want to give my thanks and appreciation to you and the Club for the scholarship that you awarded me for 2006/2007. The scholarship gives me a light to challenge my goal.

May God continue to bless the Kiwanis Club of Abilene to be a light to many who are in need.

Yours truly,

Maria S. Komokai

Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

Thank you so very much for your support of the children of Abilene. I am writing to especially thank you for the donation received from the Tailgate Party. I know that many of you worked hard to make this a success. I'm late in getting this thank you to you due to the holidays. Upon receipt of the gift we immediately put it to work matching children. We worked right up to Christmas Eve, allowing us to match 1387 in 2006. This would not have been possible without the generosity of Kiwanians.

Thank you for helping to make a BIG difference...one child at a time.

Sincerely,

Janet Ardoyno

## SOMETHING ELSE

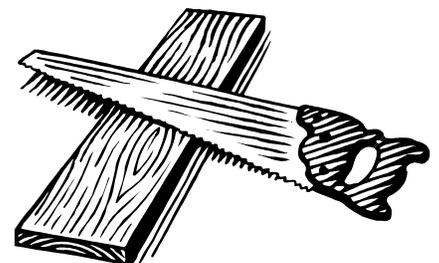


Finally!

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene office has been painted. (This IS exciting!)

I would like to say Thank you, Thank you to Lora Lynn Christensen for all of her help in getting this painting job started and completed. Thank you also, to Richard Lee for moving all of the cabinets, the desk and removing the door, and to Don Christensen for fixing the desk drawer, re-hanging the door and hooking up all of the equipment.

There is a corner of the office that needs some shelves. Is there a creative Kiwanian that would be willing and able to create and install 4 or 5 identical shelves to place the Kalaba and some other smaller awards? If you are interested please call Caroline as soon as possible-leave a message on the office phone.



## 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

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