

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

OUR NEXT PROGRAM

“STOMP” PROGRAM

In 1996, the State of Texas offered partial funding to counties to assist in the building of Juvenile Post-Adjudication Facilities (Secure Residential Care). The Taylor County Juvenile Probation Department applied for this funding through a grant process and was one of three counties that were fully funded as requested. Children placed in the Post-Adjudication Facility have typically been given the opportunity to correct their unlawful behavior through less restrictive dispositions such as probation in the community or placement in various Texas Department of Human Services approved childcare institutions with little to no success. These children would most likely be committed to the Texas Youth Commission if not for the availability of the Taylor County Juvenile Post-Adjudication Facility. Children placed at the facility by the Juvenile Court are ordered for a maximum of 1 year; however, typical completion of the program has been approximately 8.5 months. The goal of the program is to reduce recidivism by assessing the needs of youth, teaching cognitive skills to meet those needs, redirecting behavior and helping to resolve family conflicts. Our primary objective is successful community re-entry.

Building positive self-esteem in these troubled youth is a key component in altering their potentially criminal mindset. One tool that is used to accomplish this is the “Stomp” program. Participation in the “Stomp” program is considered a privilege and only available to youth who have achieved the higher levels in the program. Here they learn teamwork skills, self/group discipline, and physical coordination. Additionally, the “Stomp” program offers an opportunity for these kids to communicate who they are and hope to be as they move toward the personal goals they have set for themselves once they return to the community.

In 2006, the Taylor County Juvenile Post-Adjudication Facility served 41 Taylor County children and 13 from other counties throughout the state. Of the 28 children who completed this program, 79% were successful while 6 were unsuccessful typically resulting in commitment to the Texas Youth Commission. Follow-up studies reveal that 72% of these juveniles do not re-offend during the subsequent year following their release.

On Wednesday, March 21st, at 12:15, we are proud to invite you to see and hear these children perform their “Stomp” program for the Kiwanis Club of Abilene.

OPENING CEREMONY FOR 03/ 14/07

President Margaret Hoogstra presided over the meeting. **Ken Poynor** led the singing and **Millie Braddy** played the piano. **Bruce Davis** led the prayer; **Bradley Campbell** led the pledge and **Dub Pritchett** introduced the program.

WHAT A MEETING! March 14, 2007

THE PIANO MAN



Either you've got it or you don't. Mike Schuller has definitely got it! You had to be at Wednesday's meeting to understand. Mike played the piano as if he had been playing it forever. Mike first learned to play the trumpet and from there was able to take that knowledge and become the wonderful pianist he is today.

Members were asked to select songs that they wanted to hear. Mike played the following songs: Piano Man, Chariots of Fire, Rhapsody in Blue, Beer Barrel Polka, Lara's Theme, and Somewhere in Time, to

name a few.

Mike brought along his CD's entitled "Friendly Neighborhood Piano Man", "Movie Treats 1", "Favorite Musicals 1" and "The Human Jukebox". They were a big hit as many members made purchases.



REQUESTS PRAYER

Terri Hagelstein is recovering from surgery on March 15th.

Dorothy Presswood is in Abilene Regional Hospital.

Gloria Fanous' mother has recently passed away.

Dorothy Dowell as she recuperates from knee surgery.

Nelda and Eric Wallace, Nelda will have surgery in Dallas on March 22nd.

Roy Lewis *** Billy Clay *** Donald McDonald's wife Becky *** Margaret Jolly ***

A.C. Johnson's son-in-law *** J. R. Velasco's mother Olivia Velasco *** Dick Kincaid's wife Joanne

*** John Thomas's son Joseph *** George Knight's wife Joan ***

*To those not mentioned, our thoughts prayers are still with you. ***** God Bless our Military Men & Women.*

SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE-Kiwanis -- A Global Organization

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism." Acts 10:34

In our world today there is a growing awareness of ethnic and cultural diversity. The curriculum in our schools is addressing diversity and corporations are training their employees about diversity in the marketplace. The policies of our government are designed to promote harmonious relations between people of different ethnic and cultural groups.

As Kiwanians, we can take pride in the fact that Kiwanis is an organization which recognizes its global responsibility to help all of the children of the world -- regardless of their ethnicity or culture.

Kiwanis International builds bridges of better understanding through service to children and communities worldwide.

BIRTHDAYS-March

Guinn Smith 23

Jeff Goodin 26

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

President Hoogstra requested that members consider attending program committee meetings. The program committee is interested to hear who you think would be a possible guest speaker or entertaining program. Members are asked to bring contact information to the program committee meetings which are held the third Thursday of each month at Briarstone Manor at 12 noon.

PANCAKE DAY

From the barn yard-

The **PIGS** are in first place this week; the “piggy bank” is full with **\$1,397.00**

Billy Clay sold \$572.00

Marcus Anderson sold \$205.00

Carl Lockett sold \$160.00

For over \$100.00 sold: Donald McDonald, Raymond McDaniel and Nell Sims.

The **COWS** came in second, ‘cause someone wasn’t mooving fast enough, with **\$967.50**

Van Boozer sold \$165.00

Guinn Smith sold \$160.00

Grady Jolly sold \$155.00

For over \$100.00 sold: Rosanna Herndon, Ted Ho and Henry McGinty.

The **CHICKENS** are just clucking along with only **\$505.00**

Royce Manning sold \$160.00

Glynn Hammons sold \$100.00

Mike Jeter sold \$100.00

With combined ticket sales this week we have \$2869.50



SILENT AUCTION

Caroline Lee Co-chair of the silent auction asked members to bring items for the silent auction to weekly meetings. She advised the importance of doing this as soon as possible so that preparations for the auction would not be left until the last minute.

LEADERSHIP

Immediate-Past President Gordon Dowell spoke about new leadership for the coming year. It is time to select a President-Elect for the 2008-2009 year. Nominee was Bruce Davis.

In a few weeks it will be time to select Vice-Presidents and after that time to select the Board of Directors.

RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP DUES

At the Tuesday, March 6th meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene board of directors, the board voted to increase membership dues effective April 1, 2007 from \$43.00 to \$46.00 per month; Senior membership dues from \$19.00 to \$21.00 and Leave of Absence membership dues from \$ xx to \$xx.

In spite of increasing costs (such as Briarstone meal costs and International dues), membership dues for the Kiwanis Club of Abilene have not been increased in several years. Numerous cost-cutting moves have been made (such as doing away with a printed Kiwanigram and going to an Internet-based newsletter and changing Internet and phone service providers). Additionally, fundraising efforts (such as selling pecans) have not been as successful as hoped.

The Club does very well with raising Pancake Dollars and our service project efforts. However, service dollars cannot be used for administrative or operating purposes.

Club members will vote on this recommendation on Wednesday, March 28, 2007.

Luncheon Cup Money for March 14, 2007 was \$38.68

GUESTS FOR 03/14/07

David Jones introduced the guests.

Albert Martinez was the guest of Bradley Campbell.

Laura Stegemoller was the guest of Jan Koflanovich.

Stephen Gentzel was the guest of Don Scargall.

Gaye Lynn Williams was the guest of Randy Williams.

Earlene Clay was the guest of Billy Clay.

Amy Rentz was the guest of Jack Rentz.

Carolyn Petrencik was the guest of Ken Poynor.

Patricia Lockett and Brianna Taylor were guests of Carl Lockett.

David Fairchilds, Lorne Sutherlin and John Hewitt were all guests from the Greater Abilene Club.

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
Shirley Velasco	J. R. Velasco	2/14/07
Mike Jeter	Jerry Harris	2/28/07
Matt Smith	Donald McDonald	2/28/07
Carol Casey	Randall Williams	3/14/07

Carol Casey is the newest member of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene. Carol was sponsored by Randy Williams. She is the Assistant General Manager of the new Prime Time Family Entertainment Center. Welcome to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene!



FUTURE PROGRAMS

3/28/07-New Family Entertainment Center with Randy Vorhees

4/04/07-Spiritual Aims-Easter

Programs are subject to change without notice.



KIWANIS' CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/27/07-Division 35 Council Meeting at the Cotton Patch Restaurant at 6:30 p.m.

6/21/07-6/24/07-Hole in One Contest

7/02/07-7/06/07-International Conference-San Antonio, Texas

8/02/07-8/05/07-T/O District Conference-The Woodlands, Texas

THANK YOU

Dear Contributor,

The Kiwanis International Foundation Board of Trustees gratefully acknowledges the Kiwanis Club of Abilene for their \$1,000.00 contribution. As a result, your contribution honors J. C. McCurdy as a George F. Hixon Fellowship recipient.

Your club's gift has been deposited in the Kiwanis International Foundation Endowment which forms a permanent endowment and only the interest there from will be utilized for current and future notional and international service projects.

We sincerely thank you for your supporting the programs of your Kiwanis International Foundation.

Yours in Kiwanis Service,

C. Edward Callis

President, Kiwanis International Foundation

INTERCLUB-Key City-3/12/07

Keith Garner, Marcus Anderson, Lora Lynn Christensen, Russell Berry, Donald McDonald

INTERCLUB-North Abilene-3/16/07

Keith Garner, Bruce Davis, Bradley Campbell, Doug Williamson, Dale Montgomery

SOMETHING ELSE

UNDERSTANDING

It's not hard to be understanding-
Put yourself in another's place;
They may be going through burdens
That you have yet to face.
You may have been blessed with wisdom
Or more courage to endure,
You may be blessed with strength and wealth
While they are weak and poor.
So never turn your ear away
Or refuse to lend a hand...
Put yourself in another's place
And you will understand.

Delores D'Amico

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>Foundation Treasurer</i>
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<i>Gordon Dowell</i>	<i>Immediate Past-President</i>	<i>Henry McGinty</i>	<i>Assistant Secretary</i>

2005-2006 DIRECTORS

TWO YEARS

Charles Kirkpatrick
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LuGene Lewis
Pam McGrew
Kenny Smith

ONE YEAR

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