

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

OUR NEXT PROGRAM

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTER

Randy Voorhees

Randy Voorhees is founder and president of Bookstore Manager Software, a local computer software company which services approximately 1500 Christian Bookstores across the United States, Canada, and the world. Graduating from Hardin-Simmons University with a degree in accounting, Randy began his business career as a partner of the Abilene Bible Book Store in 1979. While managing the bookstore, Randy began writing a computer software program to manage inventory and point-of-sale functions in his own store. Other bookstore owners realized the value of his efforts and began requesting he offer the software to them. In 1990, Bookstore Manager Software was launched and now employs 35 professional and technical staff members. In the summer of 2001, Randy was recognized by the Christian Bookseller Association and awarded the prestigious "Innovator of the Year" award for his strides in technology advancement within the industry.

A born entrepreneur, Randy has a vision for a family friendly entertainment center to service the needs of Abilene in a clean, safe, alcohol-free, smoke-free environment for all to enjoy. The facility which is scheduled to open in the fall of 2007 will include bowling, NASCAR SIMULATORS, Laser Tag, Game Room, Bumper Cars, X-D Theater, Billiards, Party & Banquet Rooms, Miniature Golf, live entertainment, and a full service restaurant.

Randy and his wife, Marion, have 5 children and are active members of Beltway Park Baptist Church.

OPENING CEREMONY FOR 03/21/07

President Margaret Hoogstra presided over the meeting. **Ken Poynor** led the singing and **Millie Braddy** played the piano. **Ty Purcell** led the prayer; **Faye Dodson** led the pledge and **Randy Williams** introduced the program.

WHAT A MEETING! March 21, 2007

"STOMP" PROGRAM

Kiwanis Club of Abilene member Randy Williams introduced a most interesting program. Five children between the ages of 15-19, placed in the Juvenile Post-Adjudication Facilities (Secure Residential Care) performed their "Stomp" program for us. They did a wonderful job and with that they received a number of standing ovations!

These children have spent a lot of time practicing to be able to perform together with such perfection. Being able to perform in this program is a big deal, it is a privilege and must be earned by achieving higher levels in all they do while living in this facility. This type of team work has and will continue to help steer them in the right direction as they choose to better themselves.

Each of the children has a favorite thing that they like to do, such as dancing, football or boxing. They go to school just as we did and our children do. Some working hard to achieve their GED while there have been a few that have even gone on to college. The skills that are learned and the discipline that they must endure will bring better things for these children in the years ahead and will also make for a better community for all of us.

REQUESTS PRAYER

Nelda and Eric Wallace, Nelda had surgery on March 23rd.

Terri Hagelstein***Dorothy Presswood***Dorothy Dowell are all recovering from recent surgeries.

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-Sowing Seeds of Kindness

In his letter to the churches of Galatia, Paul wrote, "A man reaps what he sows." You don't have to be an expert in gardening to know that you can't plant sunflower seeds and expect to harvest tomatoes. The world is our garden and we, as Kiwanians, have accepted the task of planting seeds of kindness in the children of the world. What can we expect in return? If we sow seeds of kindness in children, we have every right to expect that these children will grow into adults who will, in turn, produce the fruit of right living, which is treating others with kindness.

When peacemakers plant seeds of peace, they will harvest justice. James 3:18 (CEV)

BIRTHDAYS-March

No Birthday's this week!

PANCAKE DAY

From the barn yard-

The **CHICKENS** are in first place this week; the "chicken coup" has clucked its way to the top with **\$1777.00**

Jack Rentz sold \$950.00

Sheila Watts sold \$152.00

Bill Zavatson sold \$135.00

For over \$100.00 sold: Jeff Goodin, Bruce Davis.

The **COWS** came in second, for grazing too long by the big tree, with **\$1437.50**

Guinn Smith sold \$480.00

J. C. McCurdy sold \$167.50

Van Boozer, J. R. Velasco and Randy Williams sold \$160.00

For over \$100.00 sold: Bud Coke.

The **PIGS** are "in the pen" this week with only **\$1005.00**

Marcus Anderson sold \$205.00

Shirley Velasco sold \$160.00

Carl Lockett sold \$160.00

For over \$100.00 sold: Doug Williamson, Jarrell Young, Donald McDonald.

With combined ticket sales this week we have \$4219.50

The total for all teams this year is \$7089.00

SILENT AUCTION

Caroline Lee Co-chair of the silent auction thanked members for bringing in silent auction items. She reminded members to bring items next week. Caroline also asked members to **PLEASE** consider lending a hand by volunteering to help pick up auction items around town as they come available. There are also a few other tasks that will come available besides having members assist in the silent auction area on Pancake Day. The silent auction committee is looking forward to working with you!

GUMBALL

Gumball King Earl Williams presented a check in the amount of \$451.80 at last weeks meeting. With 1226 machines in operation and a reading of 346 machines the grand total is now \$226,628.08.

COMMITTEES

President Hoogstra encouraged new members to join a committee. Many committee meetings were held after this week's regular meeting so it was a great opportunity for members to join in and see what they are all about. Committee questions may be directed to committee chairs or by calling the office.

BUSINESS EXPO

President Hoogstra reminded members about the Business Expo which is being held on Wednesday March 28th at the Abilene Civic Center from 9:00am-5:00pm.

LEADERSHIP

Immediate-Past President Gordon Dowell spoke again this week about new leadership for the coming year. Three actions were addressed this week.

Bruce Davis was nominated last week as President-Elect for the 2008-2009 year. After voting this week Bruce won by acclamation. Congratulations Bruce!

Carl Lockett's position as President for the 2007-2008 year was made official.

Ricki Brown has agreed to serve another year as club Treasurer. The floor was open for other nominations. A vote regarding this will take place next week.

Also, next week we will select Vice-Presidents.



Luncheon Cup Money for March 21, 2007 was \$47.75

GUESTS FOR 03/21/07

Chris Carnohan introduced the guests.

Gavin Cochran was the guest of Jan Koflanovich.

George Woodfin, Susan Moellinger, Ben Gray, Lydia Long, & John Hewitt were guests from the Greater Club.

M E M B E R S H I P

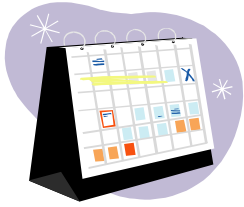
<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Date</u>
Connie Stephens	Dub Pritchett	10/4/06
Dub Hawkins	Pamela McGrew	10/4/06
Bruce Benton	Van Boozer	10/11/06 (member since 08/30/06)
Faye Dodson	Kelly Jones	11/1/06
Bradley Campbell	David Bacon	11/1/06
Vicky Stout	Kenny Smith	12/20/06
Shirley Velasco	J. R. Velasco	2/14/07
Mike Jeter	Jerry Harris	2/28/07
Matt Smith	Donald McDonald	2/28/07
Carol Casey	Randall Williams	3/14/07

FUTURE PROGRAMS

4/04/07-Spiritual Aims-Easter
4/11/07-Lt. Stan Stanbridge
4/18/07-Major Rusty Ebers-C-130 Pilot
4/25/07-Global Samaritan Resources

5/2/07-Vocational Guidance
5/9/07-Pancake Day Wrap Up

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.
4/28/07-"PANCAKE DAY"
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

INTERCLUB-Sweetwater Club-3/16/07

Billy Philips, Carl Lockett, Marcus Anderson, Bill Hoogstra, Curtis Blackburn

INTERCLUB-North Abilene-3/23/07

Keith Garner, Bill Hoogstra, LuGene Lewis, Roy Lewis

SOMETHING ELSE

SPRING MAKES ALL THINGS NEW

The earth took off its Winter garb,
Its garb so dull and brown,
And donned its bright springtide attire-
A full-length emerald gown.

It buttoned it with warm sunshine,
Whose rays were golden-glowed,
And belted it with blooming flowers
That in the springtide grow.

It hemmed it with the creatures small
That wakened from their sleep,
And collared it with puff-white clouds
To make this gown complete.

The earth took off its Winter garb
As springtide breezes blew
That at this season of the year
All things might be made new.

Louise Pinkerton Fritz



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/
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

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Clinton Nix
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