

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

ROUND TABLE
September 26th, 2007

The 2007-2008 Kiwanis Year begins on October 1st, 2007

OUR NEXT PROGRAM-October 3rd, 2007

BUZZARD WHISPERER
Ralph Fisher

REHABILITATOR ANIMAL TRAINER ENTERTAINER EDUCATOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Ralph Fisher uses his wide-ranging experiences, knowledge and professional training skills to educate and enlighten students, faculty and the general public to the wonders of animals. He describes the balance animals have between themselves, mankind and nature while presenting the instinctive behavior and habits of each animal. **The greatest impression possible is experienced with the use of Ralph's LIVE, tame animals.**

Having trained and exhibited a wide variety of species all of his life, Ralph started with 4-H and FFA projects in elementary through high school. In college he supported himself as a rodeo clown and trained several wild animals for exhibition. After earning Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees, and teaching Elementary and High School, he continued animal training. In a life-long career as a rodeo clown, he trained and exhibited many wild animals including buzzards, coyotes, roadrunners, skunks, horses, mules, donkeys, Brahman and Texas Longhorn cattle, American Bison, water buffalo, rattle snakes, dogs, javelinas and piglets as rodeo specialty acts.

He now co-owns with his wife, Sandra, RALPH FISHER'S PHOTO ANIMALS, and is President of BUZZARD WHISPERER, a 501-(C) 3 non-profit organization dedicated to the education of the public on buzzards and several other animal species.

No one else can offer such a diverse program, due to the highly restricted nature of State and Federal regulations. Ralph Fisher provides the greatest impression possible with his LIVE ANIMALS.

OPENING CEREMONY FOR 09/19/07

Margaret Hoogstra presided over the meeting. **David Jones** led the singing and **Millie Brady** played the piano. **Clinton Nix** led the prayer; **Royce Manning** led the pledge and **Doug Williamson** introduced the program.

WHAT A MEETING! September 19, 2007



TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SUSAN KING

Community Service has always been important to Susan King, and she has worked in fundraising and as a volunteer nurse for the Boy Scouts, member and community advisor for the Junior League, board member of the Abilene Philharmonic, Abilene Ballet Theatre and Abilene Community Theatre, as well as many other Abilene organizations. She was a recent finalist for the Athena Award for community leadership by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce. She is a member of the Farm Bureau and the NRA.

Susan's interest in improved communications and community engagement, had her running unopposed twice for the Abilene Independent School District Board of Trustees in 1998 and 2002, she was eventually elected school board president. With the retirement of Bob Hunter, State Representative District 71, she sensed an even greater opportunity for service and was elected to that office which represents Taylor and Nolan counties. King, a Republican, is serving in her first legislative session.

During Susan King's visit to our meeting this week she discussed service to others and how wonderful it is that we have chosen to serve others. In her very humorous way she talked about her position of State Representative which offers her the chance to meet many people. Susan talked about schools and education, she also touched briefly on the State Schools and their importance. She answered questions for members and continued to do so after the meeting had adjourned.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Van Boozer's sister Joretta Pogue is having health concerns.

****Billy Clay**Rosanna Herndon**Nelda Wallace ** Margaret Jolly**

****J. R. Velasco's mother Olivia Velasco** Richard Kincaid's brother David**

*To those not mentioned, our thoughts prayers are still with you. ******

**** God Bless our Military Men & Women ****

SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE-"Others"

Years ago, the Salvation Army was holding an international convention and their founder, Gen. William Booth, could not attend because of physical weakness. He cabled his convention message to them. It was one word: "OTHERS."

As the anagram at the bottom of each Kiwanigram states: Kiwanis Is Where A Need Is Served!

"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

PRESENTATION



Guinn Smith chair of the Boys and Girls Committee had the pleasure of presenting a check in the amount of \$640.00 to Gwynn Haseltine of the Classic Chorus of Abilene. The money given will assist with two scholarships for those interested in singing from first grade onward that are unable to afford such a wonderful program.

SUCCESS

President Hoogstra talked about her hopes of us all becoming “Superhero’s”. Her thought for the day was to be a superhero. She had placed superhero face masks and awards on the tables to remind members of the meetings we have had this past year and all of our successes. She discussed the Celebration Banquet highlighting the award recipients. As another highlight, she was able to announce that the clubs administrative account was being passed over to Carl Lockett; from the RED to the BLACK. This has been a concern over the past few years as the administrative account suffered because of theft.

SEE BY THREE

Clarence Presswood and Glynn Hammons discussed the need for volunteers as they move forward with screening preschool children for vision problems. Any one who is able to volunteer for 3-4 hours at a time is encouraged to help.



RIBBONS CUT

President Hoogstra asked Kiwanis members that needed to have their ribbons cut to come forward. Stanley Higgins, Sharon Jones and Shirley Velasco were those in attendance.

GUMBALLS

Earl Williams made a presentation in the amount of \$636.36 for the gumball fund. The amount comes from a reading of 411 gumball machines. There are 1141 gumball machines in operation currently. This gives a total to date of \$229,705.84

Luncheon Cup Money for September 19, 2007 was \$47.64

GUESTS FOR 09/19/07

Bobbie Wolfe introduced the guests.

Gwynn Haseltine was a guest of the club.

Bob and Ann Christian were visiting from Decatur, Alabama.

Leonard Brock was a guest from the Ft. Worth S. W. Kiwanis Club.

Kyle Brown was a guest of Chris Carnohan.

Rob Welborn was a guest of Dub Pritchett.

Scott Frakes was a guest of Stanley Higgins.

Beverley Lenoir was a guest of Ken Lenoir.

Jimmie Woodruff, LaVonne Coke and Ruby Coke were guests of Bud Coke.

George Woodfin was a guest from the Greater Abilene Club.

Bring a guest to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene meetings when ever you can. Share with them the wonderful things that we do all year long. Tell them that:

**Kiwanis is a Global Organization of volunteers
dedicated to changing the world
One Child and One Community at a Time.**

CELEBRATION BANQUET!



What a fun evening we all shared with our fellow Kiwanians and Guests. The evening of Celebration was held at Lytle Bend Ranch with a delicious BBQ dinner.

As seen in the following pictures Russell Berry was honored again for being chosen as Lay Person of the Year by Lt. Governor Gene Linder.

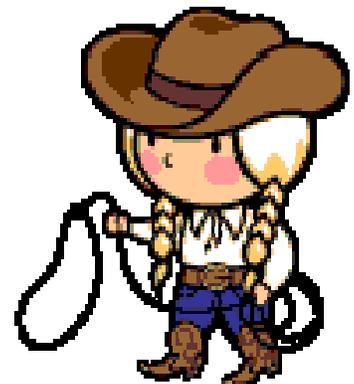
President Hoogstra had the pleasure of presenting Gordon Dowell with a George F. Hixon award.

Henry McGinty, last years Bailey G. Choate Award recipient had the pleasure of presenting the award this year to Dub Pritchett.

Lora Lynn Christensen who was last years Kiwanian of the year had the pleasure of presenting, the award this year to Kimberley Cole.

As is custom Lt. Governor Elect Don Boles made the inductions of new officers for the 2007-2008 year.

Congratulations to everyone!



BIRTHDAYS- September/October

Marcus Anderson	27	John Thomas	2
Lynn Lee	30	H. Bedford Furr	6

MEMBERSHIP

New Member Sponsor Induction Date
So Many **You** **Next Meeting**

FUTURE PROGRAMS

10/10/07-Medivac-Amber LeFevre
Programs are subject to change without notice.



KIWANIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/25/07-Division 35 Council Meeting-Spaghetti Warehouse, Mall of Abilene@ 6:30pm.
 10/11/07-Board Meeting-Cotton Patch Restaurant, 12 noon.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Harmony Family Services cordially invites you and your guests to attend an **Art Exhibition and Auction** to be held at the Abilene Civic Center on Thursday September 27, 2007. Exhibition -6:00pm Auction-7:00pm Refreshments will be served. Further Information is available by calling 325-673-4896.

SOMETHING ELSE





WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

2007-2008 OFFICERS

Carl Lockett *President*
David Bacon *Vice-President*
Pamela McGrew *Vice President*
Mark Young *Vice President*
Margaret Hoogstra *Immediate Past-President*

Bruce Davis
Ricki Brown

Faye Dodson
Henry McGinty

President-Elect
Treasurer/
Foundation Treasurer
Secretary
Assistant Secretary

2007-2008 DIRECTORS

TWO YEARS

Jamie Breed
Jerry Carter
John Thomas
Faye Dodson
J. R. Velasco

ONE YEAR

Charles Kirkpatrick
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