

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene KIWANIGRAM



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

OUR NEXT PROGRAM

C. RAY DAVIS

Ray Davis had a stellar 38 year career in the computer industry that began when computers were room-size and the words hardware and software made no sense. His career opportunities progressed from Software & Systems Engineer to Vice President, Federal Government Programs.

In the Apollo Program at NASA he led the design and development of a communications oriented real-time Operating System for Mission Control at the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, Texas.

Offering a rare blend of creative and operational strengths, he led the completion (ahead of schedule & below budget) of a Simulation program for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that had been determined to be “undoable”.

Through his extensive leadership experience and detailed knowledge of systems development Ray was acknowledged by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) for saving the agency more than \$500M on a “Just-in-Time” method for inventory management.

His organization was a leader in the cutting edge field of biometrics, providing some of the initial Facial Recognition Software.

Ray’s exceptional track record in information technology services and solutions earned the moniker, “*Straight Shooter and a Tree Shaker*”. He assembled a proverbial “*Who’s Who Team*” that successfully provided the IT Infrastructure for the newly formed Transportation Security Administration (TSA), now a part of Homeland Security.

Ray received numerous commendations from government and industry for innovations in Information Technology Services and Leadership Excellence. These include the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Vice President’s Hammer Award.

OPENING CEREMONY FOR 10/17/07

Carl Lockett presided over the meeting. **Randy Williams** led the singing and **Millie Brady** played the piano. **Russell Berry** led the prayer; **Jim Berry** led the pledge and **Ricki Brown** introduced the program.

WHAT A MEETING! October 17, 2007



ABILENE PUBLIC LIBRARY Children’s Reading Program-Marie Noe

Marie Noe chose to call her presentation “I blame it all on my Mother-The making of a children’s librarian and what one really does.” Marie discussed how she began her career at the library. She attributes her love of books to her mother because while as a child it was her mother that became her own personal physical therapist and read to her during her therapy sessions to keep her from becoming distracted. As the military

moved her family around she was always glad to find her favorite books at the local library since her parents allowed her to read as much as she wanted. On a frequent visit to the Abilene Public Library Marie met Jenny Tatum. The same Jenny Tatum, that was to offer her first part time job to help her pay for school, when she was attending Hardin Simmons University. The rest as they say is history!

The highlight of Marie's visit was her reading of the book "EPOSSUMONDAS". She is a terrific storyteller and she made the whole club laugh and laugh.

Marie says that one of the best parts of her job as a children's librarian is the interaction with the children. Marie told members what the library has to offer to our children and grandchildren. Basic services such as readers advisory, reference, research assistance and hundreds of other programs each year are offered. Story times are a big hit at the library. There are programs for those a few months old up to and including family story times. Tours are offered, Information Sharing is offered, Cooperative Programs with the ZOO, Grace Museum and NCCIL are offered, Various Programs such as the Summer Reading Program and those for special occasions such as Children's Book Week, and there are also Puppet Shows.

The stats are like this; so far this year the library has conducted 1058 programs reaching 16,758 children and with information like that how could you not want to go to the library?



PRAYER REQUESTS

Don Riddle and his family in the passing of his sister and recent passing of a daughter-in-law.

Ted Ho **Billy ClayRosanna Herndon**Nelda Wallace ** Margaret Jolly

** Van Boozer's sister Joretta Pogue**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-The Best Teacher

Some people say that when we make a mistake, we should forget it and move on. A better approach is to remember and learn from past mistakes. Though we can and should learn from the mistakes of others, experience truly does seem to be "the best teacher." The experience of making wrong decisions in the past should help us to learn so that we make better decisions in the future.

I applied my heart to what I observed and learned a lesson from what I saw. Proverbs 24:32 (NIV)

T/O FOUNDATION NEWS

Kristen Carnohan is still selling tickets for the T/O Foundation fundraiser. Tickets are \$20.00 each for a chance to win \$4000.00 for a trip to your favorite destination, anytime you choose. All money raised will benefit the scholarship fund.

TAILGATE PARTY

President Lockett announced that there will NOT be a tailgate party this year at Shotwell Stadium for the Abilene/Cooper High School Football game. The Tailgate party is expected to resume next year.

RUBY K

What is Ruby K? President Lockett asked members of the club to stand if they had a Ruby K pin. He was encouraging all members to set a goal for themselves as well as the club to achieve a Ruby K pin this year. The Ruby K pin signifies that you have introduced five (5) new members into the club. Think about helping the children of the community, one new member can make all the difference in a child's life.



PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Bill Zavatson had the pleasure of announcing the following members for having perfect attendance.

Van Boozer assisted him in handing out the tabs to:

Clarence Presswood 9years, Kristen Carnohan 11 years, Nell Sims 14 years, Billy Phillips 15 years, Donald McDonald 16 years, Glynn Hammons 21 years, Chris Carnohan 21 years, Ken Poynor 23 years, Russell Berry 23 years, A. C. Johnson 25 years, Grady Jolly 48 years.

KEY CLUBS

Nancy Miller spoke briefly about Key Clubs and the hopes to have them established in our schools once again. She noted that there are 16,000 key club members in our district.

Luncheon Cup Money for October 17, 2007 was \$32.85

GUESTS FOR 10/17/07

Gary Bomar introduced the guests.

Don Christensen and Shirley Noe were guests of Lora Lynn Christensen.

Earlene Clay was a guest of Billy Clay.

Lorne Sutherlin was guest from the Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene.

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.**

BIRTHDAYS- October

- Richard Pike 24
- James Cassle 26
- Mike Waters 29

M E M B E R S H I P

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Induction Date</u>
Kyle Brown	Chris Carnohan	10/3/07
Rob Welborn	Dub Pritchett	10/3/07
Leonard Brock	Caroline Lee	10/17/07

Leonard Brock was the newest member of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene. Leonard and his wife Betty have returned to Abilene and Leonard is transferring his membership to our club from the Ft. Worth South Club. Leonard has served as Treasurer, Secretary, President and Lt. Governor. Please welcome Leonard to the Club.



FUTURE PROGRAMS

10/31/07-Unseen Wings-John Bunton

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11/7/07-Kiwanis Club of Abilene Vietnam Veterans

11/14/07-Spiritual Aims

11/21/07-Barbershop Quartet

*Programs are subject to change without notice.*



## KIWANIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

11/8/07-Board Meeting, 12 Noon, Cotton Patch Restaurant.

11/15/07-Program Committee Meeting, 12 Noon, Briarstone Manor.

## INTERCLUBS

**10/12/07-Kiwanis Club of North Abilene**-Marcus Anderson, Keith Garner, Bill Hoogstra, J.C. McCurdy, Ken Poynor, Don Scargall

**10/18/07-Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene**-Keith Garner, Sharon Jones, Kelly Jones, Nancy Miller, Roland Williams, Donald McDonald, Guinn Smith, Shirley Velasco, Clarence Presswood

## SOMETHING ELSE

Hello everyone ~

We would like to invite you and your club members to our Kiwanis meeting next Tuesday, October 23, to hear a program by two Congressmen from Washington speak about our country's current events. This is always a great, informational program.

Info about the meeting ~

Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at 6:45 am

Whitten Inn next to Towne Crier on Hwy 80 E, Abilene, TX

Hope to see you Tuesday morning!

Jo Anne Jamison, President, **Kiwanis Club of Downtown Abilene**

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Please note that the **Kiwanis Club of North Abilene** will not meet on Friday October 26, as they are out around town doing service projects.

REMINDER

It is a new Kiwanis year and time for our President to get a better understanding of how you feel. Please look for your copy of the **Annual Club Assessment** at Wednesday's meeting. It's really easy to answer because all you have to do is circle the numbers and if you have more to say just write it on the back of the form. The hardest part will be remembering to bring it to our next meeting or mail it back to the office. Your assistance in doing this is greatly appreciated. Any questions may be directed to Carl Lockett or Caroline Lee.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

2007-2008 OFFICERS

<i>Carl Lockett</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Bruce Davis</i>	<i>President-Elect</i>
<i>David Bacon</i>	<i>Vice-President</i>	<i>Ricki Brown</i>	<i>Treasurer/ Foundation Treasurer</i>
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