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

OUR NEXT PROGRAM

UNSEEN WINGS

John Bunton

*On life's highway it
never hurts to have a
little help from above.*

UNSEEN  WINGS



While driving home from work in Houston, Texas, a multiple automobile accident gave birth to what is now known as Unseen Wings. The accident left cars smashed and scattered all over Highway 45. One vehicle, just a swerve away from being involved was carrying John R Bunton. He had no idea this incident was going to start a wonderful and fascinating journey. Through the debris and broken glass, he ran to help the people in a van that now lay on its passenger side, fuel pouring from its tank. Inside, five occupants, not wearing seatbelts, were piled on top of one another in a tangle of arms and legs. None of them were injured. Not a scratch on any of them. John, along with another motorist, tore the rear door open and freed the shaken family from the car. John was amazed that these people could have survived at all. Later, as he drove home a thought struck him, "How many angels does God send to keep a town like Houston and its people safe each and everyday?"

Come hear John's story of faith and about his ongoing journey!

OPENING CEREMONY FOR 10/24/07

Carl Lockett presided over the meeting. Mark Young led the singing and Millie Brady played the piano. Charles Kirkpatrick led the prayer; Sharon Jones led the pledge and Randy Williams introduced the program.

WHAT A MEETING! October 24, 2007



C. RAY DAVIS

Ray Davis grew up in Buda, Texas. He graduated from SWT now Texas State and moved to Dickinson where he taught Physics and Calculus. After approximately one year he was presented with an opportunity of a life time and has never looked back. Ray Davis spoke about his passion, the American Ingenuity...the Power of Creative Imagination...., he says that believing you can do "something that has never been done before" is the life-blood of ingenious thoughts.

He noted the President's famous moon speech of 9/12/62 and with that the space race had begun.

Ray discussed the Mercury and Gemini programs as being the stepping stones on the way to the moon, but it was The Apollo Program to take us there which began in 1963. He noted that the Saturn V would be higher than Abilene's

highest building by 100 feet. As this rocket was being developed so were the vast computer systems that would run it. Ray made comparisons of this information with that of our own computers. WOW! Also discussed were the missions of the Apollo 8 in 1968, Apollo 11 in 1969, and Apollo 13 in 1970.

In his slide presentation he offered wonderful pictures of many spacecrafts and best known, that of Buzz Aldrin on the moon. The others were that of the Twin Towers falling on 9/11/01, both of which show American Ingenuity in Action. The "Can DO" of Engineering and Technology and the "Will Do" of Management and Business.

Mr. Davis was able to answer a few questions for members at the end of his most interesting presentation.



PRAYER REQUESTS

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-"Getting to Know You"

How do you get to know someone? You spend time with them. You listen to what they say. After you spend time with them, you start to understand what motivates them. It's the same with God. Spend time reading His Word to know what He thinks about. Listen to Him. Spend time with God in prayer, talking with Him and listening for His gentle answers.

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10 (NIV)

MEMBERSHIP

Dub Pritchett, chair of the Membership Committee spoke briefly to members about the importance of the Club Assessment. Members were asked to complete the form before leaving the meeting. He also advised the club that the Membership Committee had accepted President Lockett's goal of 150 members by the end of this Kiwanis year.

PRESENTATION



President Elect Bruce Davis had the pleasure of presenting Past President Margaret Hoogstra with a gift of a beautiful stained glass picture. The picture was of a cowboy boot with Blue Bonnets in it. Congratulations Margaret!



HIXON PRESENTATION

Past President Margaret Hoogstra had the pleasure of presenting the official Hixon to Gordon Dowell. The award had been announced and President Hoogstra's Hixon was presented to Gordon at the Celebration Banquet as the original was delayed in arriving from Kiwanis International for that evening. Congratulations Gordon!

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.

Luncheon Cup Money for October 24, 2007 was \$52.30

GUESTS FOR 10/24/07

Jack Harkins introduced the guests.

Liz Ayala was a guest of Faye Dodson.

Beverly Davis, Kristen Pierce, Brandon Pierce, Gaye Lynn Williams, Cara Williams, and Brenton Dowdy were all guests of Randy Williams.

Dave Gillespie was a guest from the Kiwanis Club of North 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-November

Ken Poynor	1
Jack Harkins	2
LuGene Lewis	4
Don Riddle	6



MEMBERSHIP

New Member

Kyle Brown
Rob Welborn
Leonard Brock

Sponsor

Chris Carnohan
Dub Pritchett
Caroline Lee

Induction Date

10/3/07
10/3/07
10/17/07

FUTURE PROGRAMS

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

10/30/07-Division 35 Council Meeting, **Lytle Land & Cattle Co.**, 6:30pm

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

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

THANK YOU

Mr. Guinn Smith, Chairman, Boys and Girls Committee,

On behalf of the Classical Chorus I want to thank you for your donation of \$640 to be used for scholarships for young singers. This year we have nine young people singing with us on scholarship and each one of them is dedicated to their rehearsals and performances-we are happy to be able to provide this opportunity for them with your support.

The Kiwanis is a wonderful supporter of young people and their activities in Abilene and the surrounding area and we are honored to be one of the organizations through which you do this.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely

Gwynn Haseltine, Executive Director

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

2007-2008 OFFICERS

Carl Lockett

President

Bruce Davis

President-Elect

David Bacon

Vice-President

Ricki Brown

Treasurer/

Pamela McGrew

Vice President

Foundation Treasurer

Mark Young

Vice President

Faye Dodson

Secretary

Margaret Hoogstra

Immediate Past-President

Henry McGinty

Assistant Secretary

2007-2008 DIRECTORS

TWO YEARS

Jamie Breed

Jerry Carter

John Thomas

J. R. Velasco

Randy Williams

ONE YEAR

Charles Kirkpatrick

George Knight

LuGene Lewis

Kenny Smith

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