

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

OUR NEXT PROGRAM

The Music of Christmas

The December 19th program is presented by the Spiritual Aims committee and will showcase the talents of several members of our club. The program will begin with dinner music of Christmas favorites played and sung by Randy Williams. The program will also feature solos by several Kiwanis members and an ensemble made up of Randy Williams, Marcus Anderson, Charles Kirkpatrick, Ken Poynor, David Jones, and Don Scargall.



This will be an "interactive" program, so warm up your vocal chords and come prepared to join the Angel Chorus in some great group singing under the direction of Don Scargall. If you aren't already in the Christmas spirit, you are sure to leave this week's meeting thinking about the real reason for the season. Kiwanis is all about giving and this is the time of year when we celebrate the greatest gift of all -- the birth of our Savior!

OPENING CEREMONY FOR 12/12/07

Carl Lockett presided over the meeting. **Don Scargall** led the singing and **Millie Braddy** played the piano. **Don Riddle** led the prayer; **Henry McGinty** led the pledge and **Bruce Benton** introduced the program.

WHAT A MEETING! December 12, 2007



BIG BROTHERS, BIG SISTERS

Tim Yandel

Tim Yandel, Regional Executive Director of Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Abilene brought a very interesting program to Kiwanis this week. With the help of Jamie Bearden, Director of Public Relations they were able to show a wonderful new video of Big Brothers and Big Sisters sharing special times with their kids.

Tim discussed how he had come to Abilene and how he was able to be involved with such an organization. He thanked Nancy Miller for that!

Tim told members about Colton, his little brother and explained what they do together, where they go when they are together. He was explaining to members that being a Big Brother or Big Sister doesn't mean that you have to spend money each time you are together. As an example, he and Colton have planted trees together and even enjoy the excitement of a car wash. It's the little things that mean the most to all of the kids involved in Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

Big Brothers, Big Sisters were named in the top 35 agencies in the nation, no doubt because there are people like Tim, Kiwanian Bruce Benton and countless others who give of their time.



Tim told how the statistics show that mentoring does work and he noted a special day where members of the community can be a Big for a day. He concluded with the following, "You're never too old or too young to be a Big Brother or a Big Sister, It's a blessing to a child."



PRAYER REQUESTS

John Thomas**Rosanna Herndon**Ted Ho **Billy Clay** Nelda Wallace**

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

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

SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE-"What Is Christmas"

Christmas is not just an annual holiday. It is not a day to glorify selfishness and materialism. Christmas is the celebration of the event that set heaven to singing, an event that gave the stars in the night sky a new brilliance. Christmas tells us that at a specific time and at a specific place a specific Person was born. The Lord, Jesus Christ.

~ Billy Graham in "Unto the Hills"

I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly. John 10:10

GUMBALL DRIVE

Earl Williams asked for Kiwanians to return the slips assigned two weeks ago as soon as possible. He encouraged all members to make sure they have asked their assigned businesses.



PRESENTATION

Mac Sipe presented the representatives in attendance from the local high schools with checks in the amount of \$150.00 each for the local high school livestock shows, as well as a donation of \$125.00 for the showmanship buckle and \$750.00 for the premium sale was presented to Waylon Jackson. Mr.

Jackson spoke briefly to members about the events, noting that 316 youths participated with 948 animals exhibited last year.



RIBBON CUTTING

President Lockett cut the Interclub ribbon from Andy Cargile's badge. Thank you, Andy for learning more about Kiwanis by attending our Interclub's.

T/O FOUNDATION NEWS

Don't forget that 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. The drawing will be held February 16, 2008 at the Mid-Winter Conference.

MEMBERSHIP

The Brag Basket was passed again this week; bring your brag money to Kiwanis on Wednesday!

BIRTHDAYS-December/January

Glyn Hammons	23	James Hallmark	8
Russell Leavenworth	23		
H. E. Coke	26		
Kenny Smith	31		



Luncheon Cup Money for December 5, 2007 was \$54.37

Luncheon Cup Money for December 12, 2007 was \$48.77

GUESTS FOR 12/12/07

Faye Dodson introduced the guests.

Marion Lewis was the guest of Richard Kincaid.

Geri Woods was the guest of Faye Dodson.

Earlene Clay was the guest of Billy Clay.

The following guests were all guests of the Club/Agriculture Committee: Waylan Jackson, Breanna Dudley, Justin Richey, Randy Gillum, Mindi Bredemeyer, Clay Burson, Kay Richards, Ashley Martin, Mason Rogers, Lee Castleberry, Marshall Eaton.

**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.**

MEMBERSHIP

<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
Richard Reyna	Dub Pritchett	11/7/07
Andrew Cargile	John Thomas	11/7/07
A.C. Alrey	Carl Lockett	11/14/07
Scott Frakes	Stanley Higgins	11/28/07

FUTURE PROGRAMS

12/26/07-There is no meeting.

1/16/07-Basketball Shoot

1/2/08-There is no meeting.

1/23/07-Wylie Jazz Band

1/9/07-TBA

1/30/07-Bobbie Wolfe

Programs are subject to change without notice.



KIWANIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/20/07-NO PROGRAM MEETING THIS MONTH

1/10/07-Board Meeting, 12 noon at the Cotton Patch Restaurant.

1/16/07-Basketball Shoot Out

1/17/07-Program Committee Meeting, 12 noon, at Briarstone.

Builder's Club meets Monday's at 4:30pm at the Fannin Boys and Girls Club.

***Please verify their holiday schedule.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your contribution to Noah Project. Your gift of \$250.00 will be used to serve victims of family violence.

Thank you for making it possible for us to continue helping the families in our community that have been torn apart by violence and fear. Your contribution will make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Dee Wilson, Executive Director

Dear Kiwanis Club of Abilene,

Thank you for the donation you made to support Noah Project's Capital Campaign. From your gift of \$500 to Noah Project, \$250 was applied to our Capital Campaign Goal of \$7.5 million. We are grateful you chose to participate in this very important fund raising effort.

Your Kiwanis Club's generosity will help build a new shelter and Family Justice Center to change the lives of Families impacted by violence in their own homes.

Thank you again for supporting Noah Project and the victims of family violence that we serve.

Sincerely, Karen Dansby, Capital Campaign Coordinator

Dear Kiwanians,

On behalf of the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature, let me thank you for your generous contribution for art supplies. The NCCIL has art activities in conjunction with each illustrator's exhibit, as well as special Art Adventures, Art Walk activities, and Saturday art classes. Keeping our supply cabinets full and current is an ongoing task. Your contribution will enable many children in our community to experience the joy of creating art.

I invite you and your families to be our guests at the NCCIL. Your representative Jerry Carter, enjoyed a guided tour while he was here to present the check. You are all welcome to do the same! We are currently exhibiting 65 Years of Golden Books, a wonderful tribute to those delightful little books we've all enjoyed through the years.

Again, thank you for supporting the NCCIL!

Sincerely,

Sarah Mulkey, Executive Director

Dear Kiwanians,

The students, staff, and parents of Holland Medical High School and the Abilene Independent School District would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your recent donations of \$300. You can be assured that every cent will be spent to enrich the education of the more than 200 students enrolled in AISD's first magnet school. As you know, a former past President of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene, Mr. David Fairchild's, was the first person to step forward and see a need. While serving as a substitute teacher at our school, he learned about an overnight burglary that robbed our students of more than \$1000. Most of the money had been collected as membership dues for our student-led organization. Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA). Any theft is unfortunate, but when the money comes directly from our students' homes and pockets, it is truly a tragedy.

When Mr. Fairchild's sent out the call for help on our behalf, your group stepped forward in a way that humbles all of us. Kiwanians answered the call for Abilene just as they have throughout their existence. Our students, teachers, and community will all benefit greatly from your generosity.

Once again, thank you for your tremendous gift. All Kiwanians have an open invitation to visit our new facility on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University. It would be our privilege to show you what your support is providing for the young people of Abilene.

Sincerely, the Students and Staff of Holland Medical High School



CHRISTMAS WISHES

From Harmony's Family to Yours,

Thank you for your support of the children residing in Harmony's children's shelter and foster homes. Last year 160 local and area children received care through these programs.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Harmony Family Services, Inc.

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To our Customers and Friends

We extend our Best Wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season and Successful New Year.

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First Financial Bank

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In this season of giving, we thank you for giving of yourself...for helping us pave the path for a brighter future for the young people in our community.

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Warm Wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season

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Junior Achievement of Abilene, Board of Directors and Staff

## SOMETHING ELSE

### CHRISTMAS-THANK YOU, GOD!

No one really knows the exact day our Savior was born  
But this in no way should make us feel sad and forlorn.  
For any date when the world should honor His lowly birth  
Reminds even the unbelievers how priceless is His worth!

We each have a memory of what Christmas ought to be  
That dates to our childhood beneath a glowing tree.  
Some of us had many presents and some had just a few  
But the real Christmas joy comes not from getting something new.

Some kid's lawns may be covered with a freshly fallen snow  
Or perhaps there's a beach where swimming they'll soon go.  
The mystery of presents will soon give way to shrieks of joy  
And this day of expectation will then be gone for each girl and boy.

Each day of this celebration is like a footstone on the path of life  
It points us to the Glory of God while we toil in a world of strife.  
For the real story of Christmas can be told without toys or trees  
The wonder of our salvation is what brings us to our knees.

We all as parents and friends strive to get that ultimate gift  
For all those we love while also striving to exercise thrift.  
But the priceless gift of salvation can be had for zero cost  
God's Grace is sufficient to insure that none is lost!

The Christmas tree to believers looks like a wretched cross  
Upon which God gave His Son, oh what a painful loss!  
But the sunrise of Easter morning brought His Son home again  
That's why we honor Christmas as part of His ultimate pain!

By: Roy Dent, 2007



## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

### 2007-2008 OFFICERS

|                          |                                 |                      |                             |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| <i>Carl Lockett</i>      | <i>President</i>                | <i>Bruce Davis</i>   | <i>President-Elect</i>      |
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