

K *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

OIL INDUSTRY/ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Vance Long

Vance Long is currently practicing Petroleum Geology here in Abilene, Texas, where he has been located for the past 15 years. He is a class of 1985 graduate of Abilene Christian University; where he obtained his Bachelor of Science in Geology. He also currently serves as President of the Abilene Geological Society. Vance has been involved in oil and gas exploration from California to Kentucky, focusing primarily in Texas, and has recently focused on activity in the Abilene and North Central Texas region. He is a manager/member of Long-Hall Exploration, LLC and is Vice President of Operations for Halliburton Operating Company. Vance is married to Connie, and they have two sons, Rush 11 years old and Jett 3 years old.

Vance's talk will essentially be an Energy I.Q. Quiz, an effort to educate the general public regarding reasons and causes of the current energy situation. With oil prices at an all time high, it is important for the public to recognize the factors that influence energy prices. It will focus on the global influence and impact of rising fuel costs, the role of major oil companies in the business, and some political aspects of alternative energy sources, and what we, the consumer, should be aware of and prepared for over the next few decades.

OPENING CEREMONY FOR 1/30/08

Carl Lockett presided over the meeting. **Ken Poynor** led the singing and **Millie Braddy** played the piano. **Russell Berry** led the prayer; **Lynda Fogerson** led the pledge and **Bernice Wolfe** introduced the program.

WHAT A MEETING! January 23, 2008

ADVENTURE IN NEW ZEALAND

Bobbie Wolfe

Where it is common to see ice bergs float by in the early spring and where there is approximately 10,000 miles of combined coast line is where Bobbie Wolfe and his wife Bernice recently traveled.

Bobbie shared beautiful pictures and told of their adventure beginning with the location; 1,400 miles east of Australia and approximately 2,000 miles north of Antarctica. Bobbie noted that their Southern Alps are larger than the French, Austrian and Swiss Alps combined. He discussed the Kauri Trees and showed a picture of one in the middle of a rain forest, similar to this one that is massive. He talked about the cities they had visited and the currency, noting that in New Zealand they do not use pennies.



Their smallest coin is .10 cents and they have \$1 and \$2 coins; the smallest bill is \$5.00. There is no Wal-Mart and very few national restaurant chains as we are accustomed to here in the USA; however, they do have McDonalds, Subway, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Domino's Pizza. Bobbie discussed the agriculture and the favorite sports of New Zealand; where they claim to have invented the Bungee Jump. New Zealander's also enjoy lots of golfing; sky diving, cricket and rugby. Also of importance was learning of the Native people to New Zealand; the Maoris' who came from Samoa.



Bobbie and Bernice rented campers for their adventure as do most tourists to the islands. They traveled with 9 other couples from the USA with one couple being the wagon master; making their arrangements and keeping everyone on schedule. They traveled approximately 2600 miles in the 26 day period.

The flower garden pictures Bobbie shared were spectacular and it seemed as if all of the clubs members and guests were ready for a trip down under. It really was a presentation that you had to have attended to appreciate the beauty of New Zealand and just what a wonderful time they had.

ORIENTATION

This weeks meeting also brought together the newer members to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene for an Orientation meeting. Thank you to Bill Hoogstra, Gordon Dowell and Marcus Anderson for putting together this meeting. Those attending were: Andrew Cargile, Devhra Bennett-Jones, Kyle Brown, Scott Frakes, Sharon Jones, Marion Lewis, Lori Reyna and Rob Welborn.

PRAYER REQUESTS

For the family and friends of Vicky Smedley in the passing of her husband Jimmy. (See below for info.)

For the family and friends of Dub Hawkins as his father has passed away.

Mark Young's father is in the hospital with heart problems.

Dub Pritchett's been having some health concerns.

Gary Bomar's wife Marcy.

Stanley Higgins**Margaret Jolly** 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- "The Love of God"

Does God love us because of our goodness? Because of our kindness? No, He loves us because of HIS goodness, and kindness. John says it like this:

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us." 1 John 4:7, 10 (NIV)

DENTON CHALLENGE

Remember our goal is to **WIN** the challenge. It will take all of us to make it happen.

MEMBERSHIP

The Brag Basket received \$15.00 this week.

LAY PERSON OF THE YEAR

Applications are now available for Lay Person of the Year. Please see Charles Kirkpatrick for more information.

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Please consider attending this event on February 16th. There is so much to learn. Please advise President Lockett if you plan to attend as soon as possible as registrations need to be filled out.

GUMBALLS

PLEASE! PLEASE! Return the slips that you were given as part of our Gumball Drive. Whether you have called on the businesses or not we need to get the slips back. There are approximately 60-70 that are still outstanding. Thank you.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to J.C. McCurdy on **50 years of Perfect Attendance** to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene.

Luncheon Cup Money for January 30, 2008 was \$46.75

GUESTS FOR 1/30/08

Curtis Blackburn introduced the guests.

Bernice Wolfe, Sam Wolfe and Karen Ewing were guests of Bobbie Wolfe.

Paul Serrell was the guest of Keith Garner.

Jacque Smith was the guest of Kenny Smith.

Becky Rentz was the guest of Jack Rentz.

Earlene Clay was the guest of Billy Clay.

John Fred Phillips was a 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.**

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
Marion "Lew" Lewis	Grady Jolly	1/16/08
Devhra Bennett-Jones	Ricki Brown	1/23/08

BIRTHDAYS-February

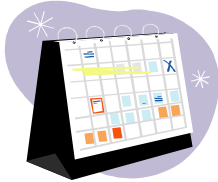
Millie Braddy 6
Andrew Cargile 11
Mike Casey 12



FUTURE PROGRAMS

2/13/08-Ed George and Henry Smith-Valentine’s Day Music
2/20/08-Jay Moore-President’s Day
2/27/08-Roy Juarez-Motivational Speaker
3/5/08- Valerie Corder, RN-Organ and Tissue Donation
3/12/08-Pancake Day Kick-Off
3/19/08-Spiritual Aims-Rev. John Sanders-St. James United Methodist Church

Programs are subject to change without notice.



KIWANIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2/14/08-Board Meeting, 12 noon at the Cotton Patch Restaurant.
2/21/08-Program Committee Meeting, 12 noon at Briarstone.
Builder’s Club meets Monday’s at 4:30pm at the Fannin Boys and Girls Club.

INTERCLUBS

1-1-08 North Abilene
Randy Williams, Kelly Jones, Bill Hoogstra, Donald McDonald, Carl Lockett

SOMETHING ELSE

Be glad of life because it gives
You the chance to love,
And to work, and to play and to
Look up at the stars.

Henry van Dyke (1852-1933)



FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Please note that these are the Funeral Arrangements for Vicky Smedley's husband Jimmy Smedley. Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Faith, 5701 Hwy 277 South, with Rev. David Andersen officiating, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 5701 Highway 277 South.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

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