

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

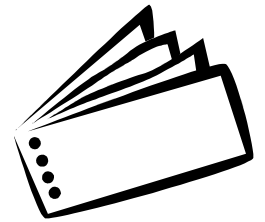
PANCAKE DAY KICKOFF



It's all Fun & Games this year!

Join us for the kickoff of Pancake Ticket Sales. It will be a fun meeting and you will find out which team you are on. Don't forget to pick up your tickets and help Kiwanis make this the best year ever.

The more money we raise, the more we can give back to our community.



OPENING CEREMONY FOR 3/5/08

Carl Lockett presided over the meeting. **Mark Young** led the singing and **Millie Braddy** played the piano. **David Jones** led the prayer; **A.C. Alrey** led the pledge and **Mark Young** introduced the program.

WHAT A MEETING! March 5, 2008



AUTISM Melissa Richardson

Region 14 Education Service Center Autism Specialist Melissa Richardson was our guest on Wednesday. Melissa used a power point hand out to discuss Autism. A most interesting subject to learn about, Melissa explained what Autism is. It is the most common condition in a group of developmental disorders known as autism spectrum disorders or ASD's. It is characterized by impaired social interaction, problems with verbal and nonverbal communication, and unusual, repetitive, or severely limited activities and interests. Other ASD's include Asperger syndrome, Rett syndrome, childhood disintegrative disorder, and pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified. Autism typically appears during the first three years of life. It is estimated that 3 to 6 children of 1,000 will have autism, and males are more likely to have autism than females.

Melissa covered many areas including the issue of whether vaccines cause autism. She covered the characteristics, sensory issues, treatments and prognosis, with members asking questions at the end of her program.

PRAYER REQUESTS

John Thomas's wife Erin.

Gary Bomar's wife Marcy**StanleyHiggins**Rosanna Herndon**Ted Ho**

Nelda Wallace**Billy Clay

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

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



SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE- "A Joyful Heart"

The ability to get a laugh out of everyday situations is a safety valve. It rids us tensions and worries that could otherwise damage our health. What is it that brings healing to the emotions, healing to the soul? A joyful heart!

A joyful heart is good medicine. Proverbs 17:22 (NASB)

MONTHLY DUES

Break out of club dues.

Several members have asked for an explanation of the monthly bill you receive. The following is an explanation of how your \$46.00 per month is spent:

- Meals $\$8.25 \times 4 = \33.00
- International dues $5.16 \times 12 = \$61.90$. (International dues are collected monthly and paid to international each year in January)
- District dues $\$2.21 \times 12 = 26.52$ (collected monthly paid annually)
- Administrative $\$5.63$ monthly.

Total monthly $\$46.00$

ADMINISTRATIVE COST: Salary, rent, telephone, website hosting, postage, insurance, gifts, and payroll taxes.

Also, the club does offer automatic bank draft for the payment of your dues. Please consider this since it is available to you.

SERVING OUR SCHOOLS



S-O-S information. We are now calling S-O-S "**Serving Our Schools**" rather than "Save Our Schools." We felt that better described our mission.

The First Book National Book Bank provides new books to children from low-income families across the country using generous donations from children's book publishers, service donors, and volunteers. Our club can purchase these books at greatly discounted prices. Periodically, they have a book distribution which allows us to obtain books by paying only \$.25

per book for shipping and handling. Last month we were able to acquire a book for every student in the first and second grade at Reagan Elementary.

Photo on the right shows Russell Berry presenting a book to Ms. Michelle Bateman, the Instructional Coordinator at Reagan Elementary School.



DENTON CHALLENGE

Remember our goal is to **WIN** the challenge. Our slogan is "One Fifty Two, It's Up To You". The Denton club is expected to visit us in April. What a great day that would be to induct new members.

BUSINESS EXPO

Randy Williams reminded members that the Business Expo is on March 28th and that we will be participating with the Key City Club this year. Randy asked members to sign up to work at the event as soon as possible.

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation Scholarships have been sent to the four Abilene High Schools and the Abilene universities and Cisco Junior College. Kiwanis members who know of a student who is eligible and would like to personally give them an application may request one from Scholarship Chair, Lynda Fogerson, or you can encourage the student to pick up an application at their school. Eligible students must be a senior in one of the four Abilene High Schools or a college student who graduated from an Abilene high school. **Deadline for receiving the completed applications and two references in the Kiwanis Club office is April 1, 2008.**

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



Dub Pritchett, chair of the Membership Committee held a drawing of the members that inducted new members to the club so far this year. The drawing was for a gift certificate to the Beehive Restaurant. Congratulations to John Thomas for winning the certificate.

MEMBERSHIP

The Brag Basket was presented this week, for a total of \$23.00.



LAY PERSON OF THE YEAR

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

Luncheon Cup Money for March 5, 2008 was \$46.57.

GUESTS FOR 3/5/08

Sheila Watts introduced the guests.

Earlene Clay was the guest of Billy Clay.

Roy Juarez was a guest from the North Abilene Club.

Garret Krier with KRBC was a guest of the 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.

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 BennettJones	Ricki Brown	1/23/08

BIRTHDAYS- March

Kelly Jones 12



FUTURE PROGRAMS

3/19/08-Spiritual Aims-Rev. John Sanders-St. James United Methodist Church-Picture Journey of Holy Land
3/26/08-Valerie Corder, RN-Organ and Tissue Donation
4/2/08-Andi Meirson of Child Protective Services-Child Abuse Prevention
4/9/08-PENDING
4/16/08-Abilene High-Pure Gold Vocal Ensemble
4/23/08-Kiwanis International President
4/30/08-PENDING

Programs are subject to change without notice.

KIWANIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS



3/13/08-Board Meeting, 12 noon at the Cotton Patch Restaurant.
3/20/08-Program Committee Meeting, 12 noon at Briarstone Manor.
4/12/08-Merkel Kiwanis Club's Charter Night at Heritage Hall in Merkel.
4/20/08-4/24/08-Kiwanis International President will visit-Details to follow.
4/26/08-PANCAKE DAY
Builder's Club meets Monday's at 4:30pm at the Fannin Boys and Girls Club.

Other club programs:

Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene-Program 3/13-Dr. Phil Christopher-Easter/Spiritual Aims

INTERCLUBS

Downtown Club-2/26/08

Nancy Miller, Sharon Jones, Kelly Jones, Clarence Presswood

Division 35 Council Meeting-2/26/08

Bill Hoogstra, Caroline Lee, Russell Berry, Dennis Laster, Nancy Miller, Carl Lockett, Chris Carnohan, Kristen Carnohan.

Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene-3/6/08

Donald McDonald, A.C. Johnson, A.C. Alrey, Randy Williams

REMINDER

The new **Kiwanis Club of Merkel, Texas** meets Thursday mornings at 8am, at Skeet's Texas Grill in Merkel, Skeet's is located at exit #269 off I-20. What a great place to Interclub!

THANK YOU

Dear David:

Thank you so much for the recent gift from the Kiwanis Club of Abilene to the Children's Miracle Network.

I greatly appreciate your generosity, which benefits children's services in the Meek Children's Hospital. Your donation will touch the lives of the many children who come here for treatment and will encourage and enhance educational programs for children of the surrounding area.

Thank you, again, for the commitment to the children of the Texas Midwest.

Sincerely,

Tim Lancaster, President/CEO

SOMETHING ELSE



On January 23, 2008 at the Dyess Air Force Base Annual Awards Ceremony, SMSgt Stanley Higgins won the 2007 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for both the 7th Bomb Wing and Team Dyess (Two separate awards). Stan's son Zach is proudly holding his dad's awards.

CONGRATULATIONS STANLEY!



Hello Kiwanis Abilene,

Thank you to have welcome our member and President Elect Jacques Pascal JANSSENS during your last meeting.

I send you our two last "kiwanigrammes".

Sorry for my bad english.....

Best regards.

Jean - Claude LAHAYE

Secretary,

Kiwanis le Roeulx Ville Princièrè

BELGIUM

(Caroline will bring "kiwanigrammes" copies to our next meeting)



*Value your
Friendship as your
Bank account;
Taking care to
deposit more than
you withdraw.*

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

2007-2008 OFFICERS

<i>Carl Lockett</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Russell Berry</i>	<i>President-Elect</i>
<i>David Bacon</i>	<i>Vice-President</i>	<i>Ricki Brown</i>	<i>Treasurer/ Foundation Treasurer</i>
<i>Pamela McGrew</i>	<i>Vice President</i>		<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Mark Young</i>	<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Faye Dodson</i>	<i>Assistant Secretary</i>
<i>Margaret Hoogstra</i>	<i>Immediate Past-President</i>	<i>Henry McGinty</i>	

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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