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Abilene Country Club

4039 S. Treadaway Blvd

Meeting at Noon

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene voted to move the weekly meeting permanently to the **Abilene Country Club**. Monthly dues **September 01** of \$56.00 per month for regular members and Senior Dues will be \$24.50. Leave of Absence will remain at \$13.00.

AUGUST 27, 2008 "ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?"!!!!

ABC's catch phrase fits the introduction for our program today. We are fortunate to have three of the four high school coaches in town to give us a rundown on their hopes for their season and what our community can anticipate from the student/athletes who participate in football.

Coach Steve Warren has been the head football coach at Abilene High for the past 13 years, and has a sterling reputation in our state as a successful coach and leader of young men. They have had some excellent state-recognized athletes in their program for the past several years, and this year is no exception, not the least of which is his quarterbacking son.

Coach Mike Spradlin is the head football coach at Cooper High School, and since moving into a new division for this coming year, they have high expectations for a good season. There are several all-district returning lettermen who will serve as a solid foundation to achieve those high expectations.

Coach Mark Coley is the new coach at Abilene Christian High School. He has been associated with the program for the past 6 years, and this makes the 2<sup>nd</sup> year that he has served as head football coach, and athletic director, and principal, and bus driver, and custodian. ACHS has the state-wide reputation as one of the best private 6-man football programs in the state, having been the State Private School Champion in '05, and they are anticipating another year of excellent performances from their student/athletes.

Coach Hugh Sandifer of Wylie High School had a district-wide meeting on this date that demanded his attendance, so he is not able to be with us, but you can be sure about it, with him in control, that even though the district they are in is one of the toughest in the state, the Wylie Bulldogs will not be embarrassed on Friday nights.

This coming weekend will also be a great opportunity for a football junkie in Abilene, Texas. We are having a weekend of championship football at Shotwell Stadium on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights participating in the Action Sports Medicine Championship Classic. Visiting with us today will be Gary Grubbs, a representative of the Sports Alliance Committee which is the organization that is helping to arrange this exciting opportunity for our city.

Please don't miss this exciting program presentation that involves and impacts thousands of boys and girls in our community ... and consider bringing a prospective member.

## **OPENING CEREMONY August 20**

President **Carl Lockett** presided. **Doug Williamson** led the prayer, **Randy Williams** led the singing. **Clarence Presswood** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Clarence Presswood** sister-in-law Maurice Peiser from Linden, TX died Aug 20.

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

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

### **Spiritual Aims Message** "Hopeless Situations"

Persistence can produce amazing results in many fields of human activity even when the situation seems hopeless. Ralph Waldo Emerson explains why: "That which we persist in doing becomes easy to do; not that the nature of the thing has changed, but that our power to do has increased."

Douglas Steere said in 1982, "I remember the words of an old Frenchman that are said to have been spoken at Verdun after almost countless months of agony and frustration: 'There are no hopeless situations. There are only men and women who have grown hopeless with them.'"

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD. Psalm 31:24 (NIV)

## BOARD MEMBER

Margaret Hoogstra presented the name of Lora Lynn Christensen for the 1 year term on the Board of Directors starting Oct 1. Motion was by Clarence Presswood, seconded by Dub Pritchett and passed by unanimous vote.

PANCAKE DAY: **Henry McGinty** presented a check for \$32,812.18. This amount is the net from pancake ticket sales and the silent auction for Pancake Day, 2008.

Program August 20



Chris Carnohan introduced Allison Coggins, Emergency Coordinator of the local Red Cross. Allison explained many aspects of working as an emergency responder. First and foremost Red Cross workers and volunteers have to be ready to make plans and be flexible enough for those plans to change completely. Red Cross supplies its services and supplies completely free to victims of disaster, responders and clean up crews during and after the disaster.

Food (hot or cold meals), debit cards for grocery stores or restaurants, clothing, clean up kits (mop, bucket, supplies, rubber gloves, etc.), comfort kits (toothbrush, paste, deodorant, etc), temporary lodging, money for prescriptions and glasses are all ways the Red Cross helps victims of disasters. They also help with paperwork that assesses and reports the damage for individual families.

Since February of this year the local Red Cross chapter has dealt with three tornadoes, 29 single family dwelling fires and nine wildfires.

Volunteers are always needed. They are trained in CPR and AED and other aspects. Volunteers can serve on a rotating basis, a week at a time to be first responders (they have 45 minutes to two hours to respond when they are called. The local and the national Red Cross are always in need of volunteers, donated supplies and monetary donations.

Brag Basket \$21.00

**BIRTHDAY'S**

Aug 28 Richard F. Kincaid

**INTERCLUB – None**

**GUESTS FOR 08/20/2008**

**Lora Lynn Christensen** introduced the guests:

<u>GUEST</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	
Nancy Brock	<b>Price Brock</b>	Karrie Leavenworth
Clay Copeland	<b>Van Boozar</b>	<b>Russell Leavenworth</b>
W.R. Hawkins	<b>Price Brock</b>	Allison Coggins guest speaker

**M E M B E R S H I P**

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Induction Date</u>
<b>Lou Briley</b>	<b>Van Boozar</b>	06/11/08
<b>Zach Briley</b>	<b>Van Boozar</b>	06/11/08
<b>Shannon Nix</b>	<b>Dub Pritchett</b>	08/13/08
<b>W.D. Hawkins</b>	<b>Price Brock</b>	08/20/08



Meet our newest member **W.R. Hawkins** and his sponsor **Price Brock**. W.R. is an Engineering Consultant and is married to Susan.

**Hendrick Children's Hospital Wing Goal \$50,000**

\*\*Checks to Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation to qualify donation as a charitable deduction.

44 MEMBERS PLEDGING TO THE HENDRICK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN

**Approximate money pledged to date is \$17,147.95 Amount Collected to date \$5520.67 Amount needed to meet \$50,000 goal is \$44,479.33.**

**First Responders Award** will be presented September 10 to Brian Trail of the Abilene Police Department. The program will be Jim Bryan of the Abilene Emergency Planning Office.

**FUTURE PROGRAMS**

- September 3 Tim Lancaster, President, Hendrick Hospital (politics/hospitals)
- September 10 First Responders Award Presentation; program by Jim Bryan, Abilene Emergency Planning Office.
- September 17 Libby Connelly, Executive director, Alzheimer's Association
- September 24 African Safari with **Jeff Goodin** and **Keith Garner**

## **KIWANIS CALENDAR**

Mark your calendars now for the Annual Celebration Banquet to be held Sept 30.  
Builders Club meets Monday's at 4:30 pm at the Fannin Boys and Girls Club.

### **West Texas Fair Sep 5 – 13, 2008**

They need volunteers to sell or take tickets at the gats. There are about 75 slots that need to be filled. If interested call West Texas Fair Office 677-4376 and ask for George Woodfin, John Stowe or Bill Chaney. If not in leave name and number with secretary.

## **DENTON CHALLENGE**

**"152 it's up to you". Let's keep sharing our Kiwanis story with those we meet.**

Bring a friend to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene meetings. Share with them the wonderful things that we do all year long. **Kiwanis is a Global Organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world One Child and One Community at a Time.**

### **2007-2008 OFFICERS**

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

### **2007-2008 DIRECTORS**

TWO YEARS		ONE YEAR	
Jamie Breed	J. R. Velasco	Charles Kirkpatrick	LuGene Lewis
Jerry Carter	Randy Williams	George Knight	Kenny Smith
John Thomas			

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