
K *The Kiwanis Club of Abilene* **KIWANIGRAM**



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STATE OF THE CLUB

Wednesday, October 15
Fairway Oaks Country Club
Noon

Russell Berry will be our Speaker. Our new club president will be giving an overview of our club and what we hope to accomplish this year. He will be introducing new committees and opportunities for members to participate.



IDENTITY THEFT – October 8

Vice President **Charles Kirkpatrick** presided. **James Shields** led the prayer, **Clinton Nix** led the singing. **Lora Lynn Christensen** played piano. **Doris Armstrong** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Guinn Smith** introduced our guests.



Mr. Alan Eggleston, Guest Speaker

Alan Eggleston, Kiwanis Club of Abilene Member and Executive Director of the Trails Council of Boy Scouts of America, presented a portion of his workshop on personal identity theft and also spoke on Firearm Safety and the education tool made available to public schools.

He mentioned numerous tips, and common sense tools to help deter fraud.

- Credit Card Theft - Protect your card. Allan gave an example from his own experience whereby a waitress at a local restaurant took his card to swipe as payment for his bill. She captured his credit card information and used the number for a purchase on the internet at walmart.com.
 - Mail Fraud - Shred important numbers!
 - Home Intrusion-Proactive Steps to Safeguard Self - Observe home, what is the greatest point of entry to the home? Don't leave the door into house from garage unlocked. Secure front door and windows. Tall hedges create great hiding places for burglars. Hedges should be no more than 2 ft high around the house.
 - Answering Machine Message - Do not say "we aren't home right now." Think about it, you just notified the listener that your home is unoccupied.
 - Add outside lighting around your home. Burglars do not like to be seen. Alan suggested contacting the City of Abilene to inquire about the cost and indicated the monthly cost runs around \$7.00.
 - Place a BEWARE of DOG sign in the window or yard. Add a water bowl next to the sign. It sends a message that the home is protected. Or place a sign "secured by Brinks or ADT."
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IDENTITY THEFT – (Continued)

- A peep hole in the door should be wide angle and usable at least 6 ft back instead of right at the door.
- Set timer lights for alternate times if away several days to leave the impression that someone may be home.

The program was very informative and a great reminder to pay attention to what is going on around you.

Spiritual Aims Message: "God Loves You"

God loves you simply because he has chosen to do so. He loves you when you don't feel lovely. He loves you when no one else loves you. Others may abandon you and ignore you, but God will love you -- always -- no matter what.

"Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever." Psalm 136:2 (NIV)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for **the Elections** that God's choice for the United States will also be our choice. Pray for **those who are ill** and cannot be with us today and for families whose loved ones are struggling.

Pray for **our Service Men and Women** who continue to serve to protect our freedom.

Pray for **Dr. Price Brock**, who recently had back surgery.

Cup Money - \$39.95



Brag Basket - \$8.00

BIRTHDAY'S

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| October 13 | Bobbie Wolfe |
| October 22 | Rosanna T. Herndon |
| October 26 | James Cassle |
| October 28 | John Howard |
| October 29 | Mike Waters |



RECENT GUESTS – October 8, 2008

GUEST

Ken Shira
Bobbi Bieberly
John Hewitt
Essie Wilson
Nelson Wilson

MEMBER

Jack Rentz
Greater Abilene
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AND our **2008 Governor Nancy Miller** was with us!

DON'T FORGET!



Two Future Meetings (October 15 and 22) will be held at the Fairway Oaks Country Club at 34 Fairway Oaks Boulevard!

Then back to Abilene Country Club!

NEW MEMBERS

Name

Matt Preston
Clay Copeland

Sponsor

Guinn Smith
Van Boozer

Induction Date

08/27/08
09/17/08





Keith Garner (See Interclubs below)



Earl Williams "The Gumball King"

INTERCLUBS

Key City Club

Monday, October 6

- Gary Bomar**
- James Castle**
- Lora Lynn Christensen**
- Jeff Goodin**
- Roland Williams**
- Keith Garner**

North Abilene Club

Friday, October 3

- Ricki Brown**
- Kimberley Cole**
- Keith Garner**
- Jarrell Young**

Greater Abilene Club

Thursday, October 9

- Van Boozer**
- Leonard Brock**
- Keith Garner**
- Glyn Hammons**
- Clarence Presswood**

"Kiwans Club Members learn about other clubs by attending Interclubs." **Keith Garner** writes that he joined the Kiwanis Club of Abilene in 1974. "It was the first civic club I'd joined. I just assumed every club was as organized as ours. I began making Interclubs. It was required then of new members, as I believe it still is. I discovered a world of difference between clubs," states Keith.

By participating in Interclubs, you get a double whammy: You get fellowship with your fellow club members, as well as fellowship with members of other clubs. We can gain knowledge from other clubs because they sometimes have a different idea on tackling a problem or raising funds, etc., that we can use!

When members of our club present programs to other Kiwanis clubs, we can show our support by forming an Interclub at that club when he/she presents the program – the same when Nancy makes her official Governor's visits to various clubs or when Bill makes his official Lt. Governor's visits.

Members may also attend other clubs to makeup a missed attendance at our club. Get together with others and get both a "make-up" and an Interclub!

The Texas-Oklahoma District has a contest. Clubs win points by having Interclubs. There are different levels of points – the most Interclubs; making an Interclub with each club in your division, having the greatest percentage of members having attended at least one Interclub during the year, etc.

Gumball Report



12,108 machines in operation
320 read this period
\$453.84 collected
\$235,459.08 collected to date!



CLUB REMINDERS

First Board Meeting of the New Year! The 1st Board Meeting for the New Kiwanis Year will be October 14th at noon at Alley Cats!

See By Three Committee! Volunteers are needed! Call Clarence Presswood if you can help out!

Program Committee Meeting! The Program Committee will meet on October 15th at noon at the Beehive!

NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT: Board Members and Officers: Your presence at meetings is necessary to the health of our Club. Please make every effort to attend.

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

Checks to [Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation](#) to qualify donation as a charitable deduction.

48 MEMBERS PLEDGING TO THE HENDRICK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN

Approximate money pledged to date



\$19,200.00

Amount Collected to date

\$12,045.82

Amount needed to meet \$50,000 goal

\$30,800.00

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Oct 22 - Sanctuary Homes, Orphanages in India, Amanda Pettit

Oct 29 - Abilene Philharmonic Orchestra, Leanne Baldwin, Executive Director

Nov 5 - Abilene Classical Youth Chorale, Gaye Lynn Williams, Director

Nov 12 - Governor **Nancy Miller** & District 35 Lt Gov. **Bill Hoostra**

Nov 19 - Thanksgiving Program

FAREWELL, BILLY!

Billy Phillips joined Kiwanis in May 1971. Billy is moving to Arlington to be near his children.

We will certainly miss you, Billy!



2008-2009 OFFICERS

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|---------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Russell Berry | President | Mark Young | President-Elect |
| Jamie Breed | Vice-President | Ricki Brown | Treasurer/Foundation Treasurer |
| Randy Williams | Vice President | Faye Dodson | Secretary |
| Charles Kirkpatrick | Vice President | Henry McGinty | Assistant Secretary |
| Carl Lockett | Immediate Past-President | | |

2008-2009 DIRECTORS

TWO YEARS

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| Ty Purcell | Mac Sipe |
| Shirley Velasco | Kelly Jones |
| Mark Hoover | |

ONE YEAR

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| Sharon Jones | J.R. Velasco |
| Jerry Carter | John Thomas |
| Lora Lynn Christensen | |

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