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# K *The Kiwanis Club of Abilene* KIWANIGRAM



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## **WOODSON HAND BELL CHOIR** **KATHY TAYLOR, DIRECTOR/ARRANGER**

**Noon, Wednesday, December 10**  
**Abilene Country Club**

You won't want to miss this week's Kiwanis meeting. The Woodson Hand Bell Choir will bless our hearts with Christmas music. This group of special education students from Abilene High School, Cooper High School and Mann Middle School meet at Woodson Skill Center for their education. Their daily music class is the hand bell choir.

Letha McGrew created this group in the late 70's, devising a notation system for the special needs of these students. Under her direction they played many exciting performances, including one on the steps of the capitol building in Washington, D.C.

Cathy Taylor has been the director since 1997, and under her guidance the choir has played the National Anthem five times at Ranger games, performed at a national hand bell convention and in 2008 performed in Waco for a state convention of Education Diagnosticians. This past year, Cathy has started the Bell Peppers, a hand bell choir for workers at Disability Resources, Incorporated, seven of whom are graduates from the Woodson Hand Bell choir.

Please invite guests and let them get in the complete spirit of Christmas with this very special program.

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## **WALMART GIFT IDEAS**

**December 3**

Vice President **Randy Williams** presided. **Jerry Carter** led the prayer, **Ken Lenore** led the singing. **Millie Braddy** played piano. **John Thomas** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **John Snapp** introduced our guests.

Thanks to **Kimberley Cole** for arranging this great encore performance by Walmart representatives, who were here to share hot gift ideas for the upcoming season. A table loaded down with gift ideas from Walmart was the center of attention. Mela, Deborah, Daniel, and Rebecca were on hand as Santa's helpers from Walmart. (Pictures at right).

Walmart provided several of their selections as door prizes. Randy thanked Walmart for the fun and explained a donation would be made to the foundation for scholarships on behalf of Walmart.



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## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Kristen Carnohan** had foot surgery last week. Pray for those who need jobs and are struggling to provide for their families, for children who may not have the love we give to our own, that our focus would be on the "Real Reason" we celebrate Christmas, and for the new leaders of our country. Pray for our military men and women who serve so that we can live and worship in a free land and especially for those who cannot be home during the Christmas Season. Pray that we would be sensitive to the needs of others.

Vernice Walker, wife of **Past Governor Earl Walker** (75-76, Div 21), passed away.

Condolences may be sent to:      The Walkers  
   212 N. Ninth St.  
   Okemah, OK 74859-2224

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## Spiritual Aims Message: "Unity"

Our nation has been through a very divisive political campaign and election. As Americans who love our country it is necessary that we now join our ranks and support the elected leaders who represent all of us. It is crucial that our nation move forward as the moral and ethical leader of the free world.

*"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity."* Psalms 133:1

*"I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."* Ephesians 4:1-3

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Cup Money - \$43.19



Brag Basket - \$8.00

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## BIRTHDAY'S

December 9      **Curtis Blackburn**  
December 9      **Gordon Dowell**  
December 9      **Matt Preston**  
December 12     **Charles Kirkpatrick**  
December 13     **Bill Zavatson**



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## RECENT GUESTS – December 3, 2008

<u>GUEST</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>GUEST</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Erin Thomas	<b>John Thomas</b>	Daniel Cortinez	Club Guest
Jennifer Kent	<b>John Thomas</b>	Rebecca Parks	Club Guest
Larry Williams	<b>Carmen Martinez</b>	Deborah Black	Club Guest
Cody Foster	<b>Dub Pritchett</b>	Mela Martinez	Club Guest
Karri Leavenworth	<b>Russell Leavenworth</b>		

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## INTERCLUBS:

### **North Abilene Club**

Friday, December 5

**Jim Berry**  
**Keith Garner**  
**Melvin Martin**  
**Don Riddle**

### **Key City Club**

Monday, December 8

**Keith Garner**  
**Jeff Goodin**  
**H. B. Terry**  
**Roland Williams**  
**Mark Young**  
**Bill Zavatson**

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## MEMBERSHIP

<b>Jud Powell</b>	11/12/08	Former club President (1988-89)!
<b>Jennifer Kent</b>	12/3/08	Transfer from Greater Abilene Club

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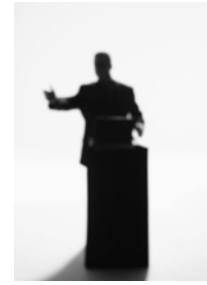
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## FUTURE PROGRAMS

**Dec 17** - Spiritual Aims Program, George Knight  
**Dec 24** – No Meeting  
**Dec 31** – No Meeting  
**Jan 7** - Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau  
**Jan 14** - Former Texas Representative, Bob Hunter



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## CLUB THANK YOU

Volunteers Needed: **Carmen Martinez** has volunteered to head up the silent auction.

### Gumball Report

By Earl Williams



**\$417.72** collected  
**\$236,321.44** collected to date!

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

**48 MEMBERS PLEDGING TO THE HENDRICK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN**

**Approximate money pledged to date**

**Amount collected to date**

**Amount needed to meet \$50,000 goal**



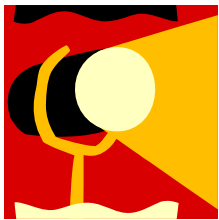
**\$19,200.00**

**\$13,045.82**

**\$30,800.00**

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## SPOTLIGHT ON THE "SPIRITUAL AIMS" COMMITTEE!



**George Knight and James Shields**, co-chair this committee. This committee keeps us focused on the first objective of Kiwanis - that of giving primacy to the human and spiritual values in life rather than the material. They do this in a variety of ways by being responsible for: (1) the weekly devotional in the Kiwanigram, (2) engaging a member of the club to offer the prayer at the meeting each week, (3) arranging for 3 programs of the year and communicating with the Program Committee regarding those arrangements for the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter programs, and (4) initiating efforts to select the layman of the year from our club to be identified to the Lt. Governor for consideration in the Division award.

Committee members include **Price Brock, Gordon Dowell, James Hallmark, Dub Hawkins, J.C. McCurdy, Don Scargall, Roland Williams, Alan Eggleston, Glyn Hammons, and Russell Leavenworth**



Left: **John Snapp** introduced the guests.

Right: **Randy Williams** presided over this week's meeting in President Berry's absence.





Above: Walmart guest Deborah shows off some colorful Christmas socks. Mela thought a foot massager would make a great gift. Rebecca suggested a set of travel mugs, while Daniel tries to explain what a Pixos does.

### 2008-2009 OFFICERS

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

Ty Purcell            Mac Sipe  
 Shirley Velasco    Kelly Jones  
 Mark Hoover

#### ONE YEAR

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

### The Kiwanis Club of Abilene Chartered - May 25, 1921

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**KIWANIS IS WHERE A NEED IS Served**

## Nomination of a Potential International Project for Kiwanis Club of Abilene

(Submit to Gordon Dowell, Doris Armstrong, J.C. McCurdy or Rob Allen by December 10, 2008)

1. Host Country for the proposed project? Nearest city?
2. What significant need/problem of children will be addressed through Kiwanis Club of Abilene funds/ proposed involvement?
3. Is this a new program in the host country or an existing program that K. C. of Abilene funds would augment?
4. To what degree will the proposed project have good likelihood of reducing or eliminating the problem being addressed? What might be some indicators of success relative to our intervention with funds/involvement?
5. To your knowledge, could the project be done in concert with a Kiwanis Club in the host country, or with some other reliable and accountable organization (what club or organization)?
6. What level of funding from the Kiwanis Club of Abilene do you estimate would be needed?
7. To your knowledge, would the project be sustainable over several years with adequate funding? Do you envision that this project might ever develop into a "hands-on" project by K. C. of Abilene members?
8. How might the project have public relations/publicity value for the Kiwanis Club of Abilene?

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

If this project is selected by the Board of Directors, would you be willing to be the Contact person to help implement the project?