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SPIRITUAL AIMS PROGRAM **GEORGE KNIGHT**

Noon, Wednesday, December 10
Abilene Country Club

Jack Ridlehoover will lead in the Spiritual Aims Program preparing for Christmas. He received his college degree from Baylor University and this theology degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He served as pastor for 44 years, 29 in Abilene as founding pastor of Pioneer Baptist Church. Since retiring 17 years ago he has served 17 churches as interim pastor and lead in mentoring seminars for other pastors. He has written numerous articles for ministry journals. Hardin-Simmons awarded him an honorary doctor's degree. He has been married for 61 years and has two children and five grandchildren. We are glad to have him lead in this spiritual emphasis.



WOODSON HAND BELL CHOIR **December 10**

President-Elect **Mark Young** presided. **Dub Pritchett** led the prayer, **Ken Lenore** led the singing. **Millie Braddy** played piano. **Roland Williams** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Guinn Smith** introduced our guests.

The Woodson Hand Bell Choir blessed our hearts with beautiful 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.

Cathy Taylor has been their director since 1997.

Pieces played were Sing We Now At Christmas, He is Born, O Little Town of Bethlehem, Dance of the Sugar Plum Faires, Waltz of the Fairies, and Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer.



PRAYER REQUESTS

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.

Spiritual Aims Message: "The Gift"

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth," John 1:14

Christians celebrate Christmas to affirm that God cared about His creation and people so much that He incarnated His creative word in Jesus of Nazareth. His presence in the created order assured God's grace to His people and affirmed the truth of His love. When we are unwrapping the presents under our tree next Thursday remember the wondrous gift God sent by special delivery and be glad.

"and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never fail you nor forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

Cup Money - \$45.11



Brag Basket - \$19.00

BIRTHDAY'S

December 20 **A.C. Alrey**
December 23 **Glyn Hammons**
December 23 **Russell Leavenworth**
December 26 **Bud Coke**
December 31 **Kenny Smith**



RECENT GUESTS – December 3, 2008

<u>GUEST</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>GUEST</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Belinda Roensch	Faye Dodson	Ikie Taylor	Greater Abilene Club
Gerri Woods	Faye Dodson	Darrell Watkins	Clyde Golden K
Tommy Dodson	Faye Dodson	Tommy Alldredge	Clyde Golden K
Lloyd Goldsmith	Carl Lockett	Don Boles	Clyde Golden K
Vickie Smedley	Kelly Jones	John Lane	Club Guest
Jim Myers	Bill Hoogstra	Melinda Blay	Club Guest
Julie Myers	Bill Hoogstra	Walter Fowler	Club Guest
Janna Hoogstra	Bill Hoogstra	Naden Smith	Club Guest
Ann Lewis	Lew Lewis		

INTERCLUBS: We have made 20 Interclubs to date with 74 individual members participating.

Club of Greater Abilene

Thursday, December 11

Alan Eggleston
Keith Garner
Nell Sims
John Thomas
Mark Young

Club of North Abilene

Friday, December 12

Gordon Dowell
Keith Garner
Jerry Harris
David Jones
Don Scargall

MEMBERSHIP

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

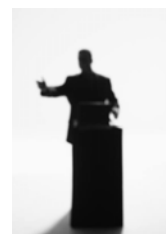
FUTURE PROGRAMS

Dec 24 – No Meeting

Dec 31 – No Meeting

Jan 7 - Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau

Jan 14 - Former Texas Representative, Bob Hunter





Community Service Presentations:

Margaret Hoogstra presented a \$3000 check to Melinda Blay, Children's Miracle Network coordinator, and Nadene Smith, Special Projects coordinator for Hendrick Hospice Care. The donation will help fund Hendrick's Club Courage and Camp Courage which helps children cope with loss.

Background Checks

The defining statement of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene is that we are a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing our world one child and one community at a time. This certainly applies to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene and its members.

That statement implies that we are committed to activities and projects that improve the lives of children. As a result it is our responsibility as members to provide a safe environment for young children to learn and grow.

In our day and time, those safe environments are not what they used to be, and this reality means that there are safeguards that all non-profits that work with children are requiring for our own protection. Well, what is Kiwanis International doing about it? What is the T/O District doing about it? More personal, what are we going to do about it?

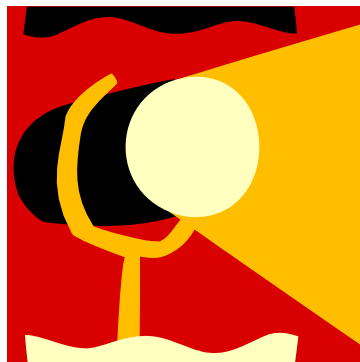
We have heard from Kiwanis International and the T/O District, and the policies established from those boards is that any club that has direct interaction with children will be required to complete background checks for the individuals in that club. Our board had a presentation on this issue from our Lt. Gov, Bill Hoogstra last Tuesday, so on Wednesday; we will discuss our action to the recommendation from those superior bodies, and what the strategy for the Kiwanis Club of Abilene should be. Please be in attendance to hear and understand first-hand.

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

48 MEMBERS PLEDGING TO THE HENDRICK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN

Approximate money pledged to date		\$19,200.00
Amount collected to date		\$13,045.82
Amount needed to meet \$50,000 goal		\$30,800.00

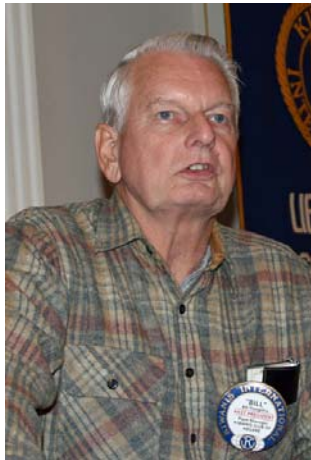
SPOTLIGHT ON THE "RAMP BUILDING" AND "SENIORS SERVICES" COMMITTEES!



Bill Hoogstra and Kelly Jones, co-chair the Ramp Committee. This is a service project initiated by our Lt. Governor Bill Hoogstra to construct ramps to the homes of disabled citizens of our community. We would like to accomplish at least one or two this year.

Club President Russell Berry chairs the Seniors Services Committee. This committee is made up of members of our club who have agreed to go on "Senior" status, but are still interested in being a part of this club, and in contributing whatever they can to our success.

Mark announced that Faye Dodson's home was broken into on 12/8/08. Among items stolen was the Kiwanis laptop computer which contained members names, addresses and dates of birth. Checking account information was not stored on the system.



Left: **District 35 Lt. Governor Bill Hoogstra** spoke about Kiwanis involvement the Texas Ramps Program and John Lane is with the Texas Ramps Program

John Lane spoke briefly on the Texas Ramp Project. There are currently 77 referrals in Abilene this year for wheel chair ramps. He acknowledged Abilene as the best group of volunteers in the State of Texas!



Left: **President-Elect Mark Young** presided over this week's meeting. Kathy Taylor is the director of the Woodson Handbell Choir.

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

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