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



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## **ROBERT D. (BOB) HUNTER** **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RETIRED**

**Noon, Wednesday, January 14**  
**Abilene Country Club**

In January 2007, Bob retired from the Texas House of Representatives after serving the citizens of Nolan and Taylor Counties for a period of 20 years.

Bob received his degrees in Business Administration from ACU and has been awarded Honorary Doctorates from seven institutions of higher education. He has served ACU in various administrative capacities since 1956 and is presently Special Assistant to the President.

Bob and his wife Shirley have been residents of Abilene since 1956 where he has taken an active part in civic affairs, including a three-year term on the City Council. Bob and Shirley have three grown children and five grandchildren.

Bob's speech is entitled, "Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries."

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## **ABILENE CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU** **January 7**

President **Russell Berry** presided. **Guinn Smith** led the prayer, **Jamie Breed** led the singing. **Millie Braddy** played piano. **Zack Briley** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Lou Briley** introduced our guests.

**David Jones** introduced Nanci Liles, Executive Director of the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau, who presented the program at this week's meeting.

Nanci gave a great presentation covering the impact tourism has for Abilene and Taylor County, indicating tourism brings in an average of \$1,000,000.00 per day to Abilene. She expressed her appreciation that the Kiwanis Club District Convention would return to Abilene in 2010.



Things are good in Abilene when it comes to tourism. She gave many interesting statistics such as:

- 654 billion dollar industry in US
- 56.7 Billion Generated by tourism in Texas
- ACVB employs 3,720 in Jones, Taylor and Callahan County
- 6.1 million in tax revenue generated
- 2.25million in hotel tax revenue

Average age of visitors to Abilene is 49, 92% of visitors are Texans, and 79% come to Abilene by auto, 20% of those visiting come for the attractions while the most common reason for visiting is sport related events which is the # 1 market.

This was a very informative presentation whereby Nancy concluded stressing the importance for each of us to be informed of the events going on in Abilene and to share that information with others.

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## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Pray for **Jerry Harris** – whose mother-in-law passed away. **Carl Lockett's** 6 yr old niece needs heart transplant. Continue to pray for **Ruby Coke**.

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

48 MEMBERS PLEDGING TO THE HENDRICK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN

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

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## **Lots to Learn at Mid-Winter February 13-14, 2009**

The registration form is attached at the end of this newsletter.

From the Friday night dinner through the Saturday evening dinner, you will find lots of help for your club both for services and for fund-raising, fellowship with other Kiwanians, and "how-to's" for forming Service Leadership Programs. Here are some of the forums that will be offered:

**International By-Law Changes** - Hear from our International Counselor about the recommended changes to the KI bylaws.

**Young Children Priority One** - Hear about ideas for new service projects and current successful projects.

**Community Service/Disaster** - Looking for ideas for Community Service? Lots of opportunities to hear about.

**Communicating Kiwanis** - How do we get the word out about the good things Kiwanis is doing in our community? Does your club's newsletter need improving? Come find out how.

**Club Presidents Meet with the Governor** - Let's talk about the rest of this year. What can we do to make it a fun year of growth.

**Growing Our Clubs** - Meeting the challenge of adding new members for clubs of all sizes.

**Building New Clubs** - Lots of good news in our District about building new clubs. How you can help in your Division.

**Key Leader** - See how our youth can have opportunities to learn about leadership at special weekends for them.

**Service Leadership Programs** - Come learn how to form a new club, or how best to nurture the ones your club has. CKI, Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids, Aktion Club--great opportunities for your Kiwanis Clubs.

**Criminal Background Investigations/Risk Management** - Get your questions answered.

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## **BIRTHDAY'S**

January 8	<b>James Hallmark</b>
January 10	<b>Chris Carnohan</b>
January 11	<b>Jim Berry</b>
January 13	<b>Ted Ho</b>

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## **INTERCLUBS:**

**Club of the Key City**  
Monday, January 5  
**Keith Garner**  
**Jeff Goodin**  
**Carl Lockett**  
**Royce Manning**  
**Guinn Smith**

**Club of Greater Abilene**  
Thursday, January 8  
**Jeff Goodin**  
**Grady Jolly**  
**Donald McDonald**  
**Clarence Presswood**  
**John Snapp**

## **Gumball Report**

By Earl Williams



**\$396.36** collected  
**\$236,717.80** collected to date!

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

**Jud Powell**      11/12/08      Former club President (1988-89)!

**Jennifer Kent**    12/3/08      Transfer from Greater Abilene Club

Jennifer Kent, our newest member was introduced to the club and presented with a membership packet.



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## FUTURE PROGRAMS

**Jan 21** – Jan Rose, RN – Her Year in Iraq

**Jan 28** – Basketball Shootout

**Feb 4** – James M. Olson



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## CLUB REMINDERS & NOTES



**Next Board Meeting!** The next board meeting will be at Alley Cats on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Call in orders and pick up to eat in the Upper Room, to get started by 12 Noon. A decision needed will be discussed and voted on the background check initiative. It is important that all board members be in attendance.

The **Kiwanis Club of North Abilene** will meet on January 9 and January 23, 2009. Beginning in February, they will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of each month.

The **Program Committee** Meeting is Thursday, January 15.

**Division Council Meeting** is January 20<sup>th</sup> at the Cotton Patch.

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## RECENT GUESTS – January 7, 2008

<u>GUEST</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>GUEST</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Waylan Jackson	<b>Faye Dodson</b>	Kirk Hancock	<b>Clarence Presswood</b>
Joe Rocco	<b>Gary Bomar</b>	Jimmie Monhollon	<b>Clarence Presswood</b>

Cup Money - \$38.82



Brag Basket - \$57.00



**Gary Bomar**, Chairman of the Agriculture Committee, presented a check for \$750 to Waylan Jackson for 4H activities. Waylan is the Chairman of the Taylor County Livestock Show & Sale. Waylan accepted the check and shared that 304 Taylor County youth participated in 2008 in this show and exhibited 871 animals.

He invited everyone to attend the BBQ on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at the Expo Center and it is free to the public.

Kiwanis Club of Abilene  
Dear friends,  
Thank you so much for your generous donation to the Waylan Handbell Choir. Gifts like this enable us to travel and provide special experiences for our students.  
We enjoyed being with you and hope you have a wonderful Christmas

Cathy Taylor  
Waylan Handbell  
Choir



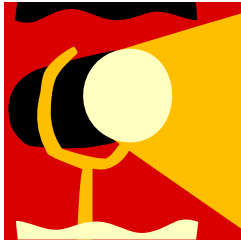
Faith Chan, 2008 Scholarship Recipient sent a thank you for giving her the opportunity to get such a rewarding experience at the University of Texas. She sent the two photos of her with friends. Left: Society of Women Engineers working on a Habitat for Humanity project. (Faith is in the lime green jacket.) Right: Asian-American Campus Ministry fall retreat.

### Spiritual Aims Message: "The Gift"

*"Why are you cast down, O my soul and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God for I shall again praise Him, my Help and my God."* Psalm 43:5

When there is trouble in our lives, not of our own making, it is easy to question our life activities or decisions. Our good intentions may be misunderstood, friends may disappoint us, or others fail us. In this New Year, with all its challenges and promises, we have a method of successful living.

### SPOTLIGHT ON THE "SHOOT OUT" COMMITTEE!



**David Jones** chairs the Shoot Out Committee. This is a service activity in which our club participates with McMurry and Hardin-Simmons basketball teams that provides vital funds for the Children's Miracle Network.

### 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**

**TEXAS/OKLAHOMA DISTRICT  
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE  
February 13 - 14, 2009  
DFW Airport Marriott, Irving, TX**

**FRIDAY, February 13**

1:00pm-5:00pm Board Meeting  
6:30pm - Dinner

**SATURDAY, February 14**

7:30am-9:15am Breakfast & General Session  
9:30am – 11:45am Forums  
12:00-Lunch  
2:15pm-4:30pm Forums  
6:00pm - Dinner

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Everyone must register for meals through the District office. Payment must be received with reservation. Mail **REGISTRATION FORM & CHECK** to:  
*T/O Kiwanis District, 624 Six Flags Dr., Ste 265, Arlington, TX 76011*  
**(Make checks payable to "T-O District Kiwanis ")**

**PLEASE PRINT** # of Nights reserved at the Marriott Hotel \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Division # \_\_\_\_\_ Partner's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Current Office Held \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Club Key # K \_\_\_\_\_

<u>REGISTRATION</u>			<u>NUMBER</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
Registration Fee	10.00	X	_____	=	_____
Dinner on Friday (PLGA Fun Night)	32.00	X	_____	=	_____
Breakfast on Saturday	19.00	X	_____	=	_____
Lunch on Saturday	23.50	X	_____	=	_____
Dinner on Saturday	29.00	X	_____	=	_____
			<b>Total</b>	\$	_____ <i>Check enclosed</i>

**EVERYONE MUST MAKE THEIR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

For room reservations, call the Marriott Hotel at 972-929-8800.

Hotel address: 8440 Freeport Parkway, Irving, TX 75063

The Room Rate is \$104.00 per night plus tax.

**Deadline for hotel registration is JANUARY 23, 2009  
(Rooms after deadline as available).**

**REGISTRATION FORM DUE BY JANUARY 23, 2009**