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JAMES M. OLSON, FORMER CIA SPY

**Noon, Wednesday, February 4
Abilene Country Club**

James Olson was born in LeMars, Iowa, graduated from the University of Iowa, is a member of the Iowa Bar and attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy. He was a career officer in the directorate of Operations of the Central Intelligence Agency, serving mostly overseas in clandestine operations. Olson has served in the USSR, Austria and Mexico. He speaks French, German, Russian, and Spanish.

With vast experience in international affairs, economics, trade negotiations, intelligence support to the military, counterintelligence, counterterrorism, counter-narcotics, and technical collection systems, James Olson is sure to capture your attention at this meeting.

Author of "The Ten Commandments of Counterintelligence and Fair Play: The Moral Dilemmas of Spying, Olson is now with the George Bush School of government and Public Service at Texas A&M in College Station.

This is the **First Wednesday**, so remember to bring a guest. We are also sharing the program, arranged by **Dub Pritchett**, with the A&M club that meets in the South Room adjacent to ours, as well as the Rotary Club meeting in the East Room. We will quickly dispense with our traditional preliminaries in order to give Mr. Olson plenty of time.



David Jones

BASKETBALL SHOOTOUT January 28

President **Russell Berry** presided. **Roland Williams** led the prayer, **Don Scargall** led the singing. **Lora Lynn Christensen** played piano. **Donald McDonald** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **David Jones and Carmen Martinez** introduced our guests.

The meeting was opened with the recognition of **J. C. McCurdy's** 51 years of perfect attendance today.



J.C. McCurdy

The McMurry University Indians will be hosting their cross-town rivals, the Hardin-Simmons University Cowboys on Monday, February 2nd, in the **12th Annual** - Kiwanis Club of Abilene – Basketball Shoot-Out. Our club has been given a wonderful opportunity through these games to raise money for our YOUNG CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE projects and specifically for CMN and Hendrick Children's Hospital (formerly Meeks Children's Hospital).

The schools allow us to keep the gate receipts on all of the general admission tickets sold at the door. Plus, the Change Bandits have been out and about "robbing people for a good cause" the last couple of weeks and our Scout Troop passes donation buckets around the stands at the halftimes.

The annual "Rock, Paper, Scissors" game indicated McMurry would win on Monday night. This "exercise" has always been accurate!

This is a great annual fundraiser for our club. **We will need your help** selling tickets, passing out programs and helping the scouts collect donations at halftime. Please take the opportunity to sign up for one or both of the shifts. **Thanks for your support!**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for **Ted Ho's** family. Ted passed away January 17th. Pray for Jack Yates, father-in-law of **David Jones** who passed away; funeral service this weekend. Pray for **George Knight** as he recuperates from surgery. Pray for **Jerry Harris'** daughter, Dawn Bizzell, who was having a biopsy last week. Praise Him for the moisture received and for protection through the ice storm.

Spiritual Aims Message: "Gratitude"

"What have you that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift?"
1 Corinthians 4:7

We all stand on the shoulders of others. It is well that we remember and are grateful for those who invested in us. Our life is gift from our parents; we can read because someone taught us; we have work skill based on someone training us and giving us opportunities; we worship because another witnessed and modeled the faith. So, let us always be grateful for what we have and who we are, and be willing to do for others what we have been so blessed by.

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

\$16,348.12

Amount needed to meet \$50,000 goal

\$30,800.00



BIRTHDAY'S

January 31	Shannon Nix
February 7	Rob Allen
February 11	Andrew Cargile
February 12	Mike Casey



INTERCLUBS: Club of the Key City

Monday, January 26
Jeff Goodin
Bill Hoogstra
Margaret Hoogstra
A.C. Johnson
Nancy Miller
Dub Pritchett

Greater Abilene

Thursday, January 29
David Bacon
Rickey Brown
Faye Dodson
Jeff Goodin
Kelly Jones
Ken Lenoir
Clinton Nix
Key Poynor
Dub Pritchett

RECENT GUESTS – January 28, 2008 – 24 GUESTS!

<u>GUEST</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Guy Lucas	Faye Dodson
Beverly Lenoir	Ken Lenoir
Dr. John Russell	Ken Lenoir

Club Guests included: Michelle Dapper, Greg Jaklewicz, Ben Dobson, John Neese, Dr. Michael Whitehorn, Greg Jaklewicz, Bill Libby, Ron Homes, Matt Garnet, Robert Moreno, Amanda Peters, Jabri Butler, Coach Venronica Snow, Rusty Rainbold, Melinda Blay, Megan Clifton, Marcus Smith, Chad Grubbs, Craig Carse, Dr. Chris McNair, Mollie Brawner, and Kristen Harris.

Cup Money - \$28.09



Brag Basket – None

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Feb 11 – Clyde High School Singing Group, Cara Nizer

Feb 18 – Membership Meeting, John Thomas

Feb. 25 – Meals on Wheels, Betty Bradley



NEW MEMBERS

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

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

Jimmie Monhollon, 1/28/09, Former member

Kirk Hancock, 1/28/09

VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON



Kiwanians, bring your sweetheart to the special Valentine's Day Luncheon at the Abilene Country Club at Noon on Wednesday, February 11.

Featuring the Clyde High School mixed ensemble, under the direction of Cara Nizer, our Kiwanis Club of Abilene will be serenaded with romantic and delightful music.



Carnations will be provided for the ladies present.



So, get a head start on Cupid and treat your significant other to a lovely lunch.

CLUB REMINDERS & NOTES



See **Faye Dodson** for sign-up form for Hendrick Pledges.

Forms are available at each meeting for Background Checks. Every member needs to comply with this new requirement by 2/1/09.

Governor's Banquet: February 10th in the Tom Roberts Room, Hendrick Medical Center, 2nd floor at 7:00 p.m. - \$20 each Deadline to sign up is 2/3/09.

Chili Day – Greater Abilene Kiwanis Club Chili Day tickets are on sale. Chili Day – 2/28/09.

April 25th is Pancake Day – Only 87 more days!

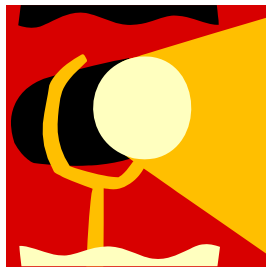


Left to Right: Megan Clifton with Hendrick Children's Hospital; Melinda Blay with the Children's Miracle Network. Carmen Martinez is heading up our Silent Auction for Pancake Day. (Contact Carmen if you have an item for the auction.) Mollie Brawner and Kristen Harris, Hardin-Simmons basketball players; Jabri Butler and Amanda Peters, McMurry basketball players.



Guests from Left to Right: Ron Holmes, McMurry men's head basketball coach; Craig Carse, Hardin-Simmons men's head basketball coach; Russell Berry visits with Greg Jaklewicz, Abilene Reporter-News Sports Editor Shanna Briggs, Hardin-Simmons women's head basketball coach; Veronica Snow, McMurry women's head basketball coach.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE "SERVE OUR SCHOOLS" COMMITTEE!



Serve Our Schools or "SOS" is chaired by **Don Scargall**. Volunteers from our club read and listen to K-3rd grade students at Reagan Elementary (our adopted school) for 30 minutes to 1 hour a week. Through this committee we also contribute books for students, as well as providing funds to help in purchasing workbooks for the students in the lower grades. Committee members include: **Doris Armstrong, Charles Kirkpatrick, David Bacon, Russell Berry, Roy Dent, Lynda Fogerson, Jerry Harris, Devhra Bennett-Jones, Ken Lenoir, LuGene Lewis, J.R. Velasco, Shirley Velasco** and **Matt Preston**.

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Randy Williams	Vice President	Faye Dodson	Secretary
Charles Kirkpatrick	Vice President	Henry McGinty	Assistant Secretary
Carl Lockett	Immediate Past-President		

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 Shirley Velasco Kelly Jones
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