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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.

JAMES M. OLSON, FORMER CIA SPY

February 4

President **Russell Berry** presided. **Harry McGinty** led the prayer, **Randy Williams** led the singing. **Millie Braddy** played piano. **Ricki Brown** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Doug Williamson** introduced our guests.

Dub Pritchett introduced our speaker, James M. Olson, former CIA spy who served our country as a spy in foreign countries for 25 years and now an instructor at the George Bush School of Government & Public Service at Texas A&M. *(Pictured at right with Doug Williamson.)*

This was an exceptional program. Mr. Olson shared experiences such as how he and his wife not only worked for the CIA as undercover agents, but had three children during that time period. In addition, their parents didn't even know what they were involved in.

He shared how some friends were lost when after retirement they learned of their professions and felt a sense of betrayal. He wanted us to understand, their "cover" was vital for his family's safety and for their effectiveness as agents. Tasks were often very dangerous and demanding, and it was difficult because they were always lying about who they were.

James and Meredith met at the CIA. He knew she was "safe"! He shared how steps in his life brought him to be chosen to serve in the CIA. His story unfolded the events that led to his interviews and his acceptance into the program. He has no regrets in the decision and knew they were privileged to serve our country. He described his life as a "wonderful journey," and that he would do it again.

He concluded by stating that our country is at war. That it would be a long, deadly, and bloody war. Furthermore, we would win this war because of the American people, our military and our young people who are stepping forward to serve. May God Bless the men and women in uniform and those under cover. Truly, this was an exceptional program from an exceptional individual!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for **Kristen Carnohan's** father. Pray for **Jack Rentz's** father who fell today and has a broken leg.

Spiritual Aims Message: "Requirements for Authentic Living"

How often do we pause to consider what is the right thing to do in a certain circumstance? Surely we want to get it right and stand as a part of the answer and not a part of the problem. There are plenty of rules and other people who attempt to call us to a particular action and Micah found himself in that situation. The answer he received from God was: ".....what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness (loving mercy), and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8

Jesus later answered the same question in light of His ministry: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets." Matthew 22:37-40. So on with Kiwanis' task to change the world one child and one community at a time.

David Jones reported that the 12th Annual Basketball Shootout was a success, raising \$6,475.48! 25 Kiwanians assisted. McMurry won the game!



Bill Hoogstra presented a check from WalMart in the amount of \$250 to get things started for Pancake Day, April 25th!



BIRTHDAY'S

February 11	Andrew Cargile
February 12	Mike Casey
February 14	Clinton Nix
February 14	Jack Rentz
February 18	Dub Hawkins



INTERCLUBS: *Club of the Key City*

Monday, February 2
Curtis Blackburn
Van Boozer
Linda Fogerson
Keith Garner
Donald McDonald

We also had an interclub Monday afternoon/evening, February 2, 2009, at the Hardin-Simmons vs. McMurry Shootout. Attending were **Marty Anderson, Russell Berry, Curtis Blackburn, Jamie Breed, Lou Briley, Zack Briley, Jerry Carter, Clay Copeland, Gordon Dowell, Lynda Fogerson, Keith Garner, Glyn Hammons, Bill Hoogstra, Grady Jolly, Margaret Jolly, David Jones, Charles Kirkpatrick, Dennis Laster, Ken Lenoir, Carmen Martinez, Nancy Miller, Ken Poyner, Dub Pritchett and Randy Williams**

RECENT GUESTS – February 4, 2008

<u>GUEST</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>GUEST</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Bob Heep		Steve Major	Dub Pritchett
Ruppert Rangel		Mary Pritchett	Dub Pritchett
Lance Heston	Shannon Nix	Robin Walker	Jack Rentz
Fred Ewing	Don Scargall	Jonnie Edinburgh	Kelly Jones
Edward Smith	Devhra Bennett Jones	Libby West	Kelly Jones
Ann Lewis	Lew Lewis	Nell Carter	Jerry Carter
Bill Rhyne	Jeff Goodin	Phil Nichols	Royce Manning
Will Rogers	Jeff Goodin	Odis Dolton	Dennis Laster
Nancy Brock	Price Brock	Larry Folwell	Greater Abilene
Dorothy Dowell	Gordon Dowell	Ken Parry	Key City
Mike McMahan	Dub Pritchett	Kent Barnett	Key City

Cup Money - \$44.21



Brag Basket – \$16.00

FUTURE PROGRAMS

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

*Newest member, **Kirk Hancock**, presented with his membership package in last week's meeting.*



Background Checks: Forms are available at each meeting. 13 new forms have been received making 50 forms received to date. 62 members have not turned in a form thus far. Every member needs to comply with this new **requirement**. Call **Faye Dodson** with any questions.

CLUB REMINDERS & NOTES



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

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.

Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 10th, Alley Cats at noon.

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

April 25th is Pancake Day – Only 80 more days!

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



Kiwanians and Guests enjoy a good meal and a great speaker at last week's program.



Left to Right: Randy Williams, David Jones, Doug Williamson, President Russell Berry and Henry McGinty.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE "FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS" COMMITTEE!



The Foundation Scholarships Committee (FS) is chaired by **Carl Lockett**. This committee administers the scholarship program of the Club that is funded through the Club's Foundation. Board action determines each year the amount available and the number of awards to be given. This committee screen and recommend scholarship recipients. Committee members include: **Debra Bennett-Jones, Stan Higgins, Ken Lenoir, Donald McDonald, Sheila Watts** and **Ken Poynor**.

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		

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ONE YEAR

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