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



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CAMP COURAGE NADENE SMITH

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

Nadene Smith graduated from Hardin-Simons in 1886 with a BS in Speech Pathology and Audiology. After graduation, she spent 14 years working in non-profit management and fund development in Abilene and Lubbock, TX. She has taken the past 6 years off of full time work to prioritize her family.

With husband Jon and daughter Tucker, she moved to Abilene four years ago so Jon could be involved in Abilene Youth Sports Authority as the Executive Director. Nadene went back to work part-time in February 2008 for Hendrick Hospice Care as a Special Events Coordinator. Her job duties at Hendrick include coordinating the children's grief programs; Club Courage and Camp Courage, as well as organizing the annual Light Up a Life fund development project. In addition, she helps market Cardiology services at Hendrick with a special emphasis on Cardiac Rehab.

Jon, Nadene, and Tucker are Christians, worshipping at Beltway Park Baptist Church.

She'll be speaking to our club members about Hendrick's childrens' grief programs.

MEALS ON WHEELS

February 25

President **Russell Berry** presided. **Grady Jolly** led the prayer, **Randy Williams** led the singing. **Millie Braddy** played piano. **Sharon Jones** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **David Bacon** introduced our guests.

Words of Wisdom today: "Leadership involves finding a parade and getting in front of it."

Ken Lenoir introduced our speaker today, Betty Bradley, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels. Director since 1975, Betty took us on an imaginary "Meals on Wheels" route, describing clients and the daily situations a driver might encounter. She painted a realistic picture of a single individual living on the south side of town whose mode of transportation was her motorized wheel chair, and a 99 year old living alone but very alert. She talked of a WWII Vet whose refrigerator was empty and a younger invalid who spent the day by himself.

Betty shared the growth of the program with new programs such as Pet Food on Wheels and Groceries on Wheels which is funded by monetary donations or food donations. Many clients receive breakfast and lunch each day now through a grant program. Volunteers are trained to provide minimal attention to needs of clients. The generosity of volunteers in Abilene is vital to the continued success of the program with approximately 1100 being served. Betty praised the Kiwanis Club of Abilene, who has consistently partnered with Meals on Wheels.

Clay Copeland, Community Services Chairman, presented a check for \$1000.00 to Meals on Wheels at the conclusion of her presentation. The funds will be used toward the Golf Tournament to be held in May as a fund raiser for Meals on Wheels. Betty accepted the check, stating the Kiwanis Club of Abilene is the only service club who has signed up as a Blue Level sponsor for this event.

Russell gave a recap on the involvement of the club over the years and stated that we needed to contact **Ken Lenoir** to help with the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Route.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for **Tony McMillon** who is to have surgery this week. Continue to pray for the leaders of our country, state, city and those serving in the military.

Spiritual Aims Message: "The Right Thing"

It seems that some days we act as though we are confronted with overwhelming challenges. And it is true that life can present significant difficulties as we live our lives in the midst of moral, physical, and spiritual failure both within and without. Like Jacob in his struggles to avoid his enemies, we forget that God is always present and strong to guide and protect us and we neglect His aid.

"Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, '...surely the Lord is in this place; and I did not know it'." Genesis 28:16



Ken Lenoir, Chair of the Community Services Committee introduced the program. **David Bacon** introduced the guests. **Clay Copeland** presented Betty Bradley of Meals On Wheels with \$1000 for sponsorship of the Meals on Wheels Golf Tournament to be held in May.

BIRTHDAY'S

March 2	Caroline Lee
March 3	Merle Collins
March 4	John Sharp
March 4	Jarrell Young



INTERCLUBS:

Club of the Key City

Monday, February 23

Van Boozer
Keith Garner
Jeff Goodin
Donald McDonald
Clarence Presswood

This brings our total Interclubs thus far for 2008-2009 to 47, with 83 individual club members participating in at least one interclub.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

March 11 – Eternal Threads, Linda Egle (India, Thailand & Afghanistan Handbags)
March 18 – Pancake Kickoff, Mark Young



RECENT GUESTS – February 25, 2008

GUEST

Evan Harris
Dolores (Dee) Rollins
Lake Monhollon
Betty Bradley

MEMBER

Guinn Smith
Stanley Higgins
Jimmie Monhollon
Club Guest



Cup Money - \$36.40



Brag Basket – \$3.00

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

Kiwanis Club of Downtown Abilene will be moving their meeting space beginning in March to the Mis Hijos Restaurant at 427 Pine Street!
Same Day and Time, Tuesday at 6:45 a.m. Please help pass the word!

CLUB REMINDERS & NOTES



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

April 25th is Pancake Day – Only **52** more days!

Background Checks! The few who have not completed a form will receive one with their March statement.

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

\$16,348.12

\$30,800.00



Gumball Report

By Earl Williams

\$353.28 collected

\$237,071.80 collected to date!

We have 196 machines in place and need to add 4 more.

Contact Earl if you know of a business needing a machine.

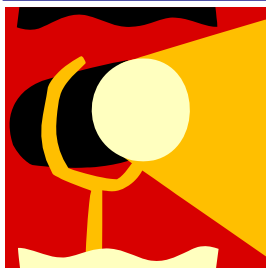




Kiwanis Club of Abilene was recognized by Kiwanis International for paying our \$5.00 per member dues.

Early Bird Pins for the club President and Club Secretary were presented.

Russell presented a pin to **Faye Dodson** and gave his to **Keith Garner** to add to Keith's collection.



SPOTLIGHT ON THE "CARE AND SUPPORT" COMMITTEE and THE "CELEBRATION" COMMITTEE!

The Care and Support Committee is chaired by **Van Boozer**. The committee sends cards, makes phone calls, and stays in touch with members who are in need of special support. Members include **James Cassle, Christy Horn, George Knight, James Shields, Nell Sims, John Snapp, H.B. Terry,** and **Roland Williams**.

The Celebration Committee is chaired by **Margaret Hoogstra**. This committee plans, organizes and implements the social activities of the club to include the annual Celebration Banquet. Members include **Marty Anderson, Lora Lynn Chirstensen, Gloria Fanous, LuGene Lewis, Doug Williamson** and **Leslie Lane**.

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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