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AN OPINION ON THE CURRENT ECONOMIC STATE OF THE U.S. By JIMMIE MONHOLLON

**Noon, Wednesday, April 29
Abilene Country Club**

Mr. Jimmie Monhollon worked at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Virginia, for 34 years. He served as Research Economist and Senior Vice President, then Chief Operating Officer for 15 years. Upon retirement in 1995, Jimmie moved to Abilene and joined our Kiwanis Club. He also began teaching at Hardin-Simmons University. He was the Dean of the Business School for 10 years. Upon his second retirement, he moved to Florida to help his son start a medical practice. He has now returned to Abilene and re-joined our Club. His wife, Lake, is the author of six books and is also a member of our Kiwanis Club of Abilene. Join us for this very informative program.



ROB SLEDGE, AUTHOR OF A BOOK ON THE HISTORY OF ABILENE APRIL 22

President **Russell Berry** presided. **Kristen Carnahan** led the prayer, **Alan Eggleston** led the singing. **Millie Braddy** played piano. **Bill Zavatson** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Marty Anderson** introduced our guests.

Lora Lynn Christensen introduced the speaker today, Dr. Robert Sledge, as the best Sunday School teacher in the universe. She further stated he remembers everything he ever knew. Dr. Sledge began with a multiple choice history test. A sample question was: "The Beer and Ice Seminary" was an early nickname for the school became (a) Simmons College (b) Abilene Christian College (c) Abilene High School or (d) Taylor County Junior College. The answer was (c) Abilene High. He then explained how this occurred.

He also shared several great stories which were enjoyed by those present. One such story was about Clay Merchant, an East Texas rancher who came to West Texas and settled in Callahan County. He increased his herd by supposedly stealing other folk's cattle. He was arrested finally and on the morning of his trial two identical men were in the courtroom. Neither the sheriff nor the farmer who accused him of stealing his cattle could clearly identify the thief. The case was dismissed. You see, Clay had an identical twin brother! This was another excellent program. Russell announced we would contribute to our Foundation to award scholarships in honor of Dr. Sledge.

Spiritual Aims Message: "Freedom of Choice"

The choices in life are many. One of the blessings of freedom is the freedom of choice. However, we also recognize that the power of choice must be exercised every moment and we cannot avoid choosing. Not choosing is in fact a choice, so we find ourselves not only celebrating freedom but condemned to freedom. Thus the blessing of freedom comes with a constant privilege/duty of making choices that make us a part of life's solutions and not a part of life's problems.

Philippians 4:8 - *"Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for **Roy Dent's** wife, Linda, who continues treatment at M.D. Anderson. Pray for Don Etter, a friend of **Russell Berry**. Pray for **Bud Coke** and his wife Ruby. Pray for **Clarence Presswood** who is in Hendrick's with a leg infection. Pray **J.C. McCurdy's** wife, Arlene, who fell and cracked her pelvis. Pray for **Tony McMillon** who is currently in a rehabilitation hospital.

BIRTHDAYS:

April 29 **Kirk Hancock**
April 29 **Tracie Willyard**
May 5 **Kenneth Lenoir**
May 5 **Mark Young**



NEW MEMBERS:

New Members and their sponsors sat at reserved tables today and were treated to a special flaming dessert. YUM, YUM! It was truly delicious and made a terrific presentation also. Keep up the good work folks!



Left to Right: **Emanuel Longoria** and his sponsor, **Guinn Smith**, were among the new members and their sponsors who were honored at this week's meeting. **Cassie Santiago** was inducted as a new member. **Brice West** is another one of our new members

NEWEST Members from 10/1/08 to present:

Jerry Zikmund	4/22/09	LuGene Lewis
Nelson Sparks	4/15/09	LuGene Lewis
Brice West	4/15/09	Guinn Smith
Cassie Santiago	4/08/09	Bobbie Wolfe
Manuel Longoria	3/18/09	Guinn Smith
Devin Stewart	3/18/09	Mac Sipe
Pete Oldham	3/04/09	Guinn Smith/Faye Dodson
Jimmie Monhollon	1/28/09	Russell Berry/Jeff Goodin
Kirk Hancock	1/21/09	Clarence Presswood
Jennifer Kent	11/03/08	John Thomas
Jud Powell	11/12/08	Russell Berry

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- May 06** – Technology Student Luncheon
May 13 – Pure Gold – Abilene High School, Director Teri Godfrey
May 20 – Valedictorian / Scholarship Student Luncheon
May 27 – Patriotic - 12th Armored Museum, Bill Lenches, Curator



RECENT GUESTS – April 22, 2008

<u>GUEST</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Lake Monhollon	Jimmie Monhollon
Rob Sledge	Program Committee

Cup Money - \$45.82



Brag Basket - \$7.00

PANCAKE DAY UPDATE

Total Money Raised This Week:	\$5,033.00
Groovers	\$1,976.00
Boomers	\$2,005.00
Hippies	\$2,365.00
Money to Date:	\$28,509.00
Top Sales:	
Groovers – H.B. Terry	\$471.00
Boomers – Jack Rentz	\$1,130.00
Hippies – Gordon Dowell	\$845.00



Jack Rentz, Top Sales

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	\$14,246.07
Amount needed to meet \$50,000 goal	\$35,753.93



BUSINESS NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notes

Carl Lockett presented ballots for the election of 3 vice presidents for 2009-2010. Nominated by the committee are: **Kelly Jones, Jamie Breed, Charles Kirkpatrick** and **Randy Williams**. Ballots were completed and submitted to the election committee.



Mark Young expressed appreciation for those who have sold Pancake tickets thus far. He stated that at least 74% of our members have sold tickets this year! Awesome job Kiwanians!

Announcements:

See **Earl Williams** for form to request new gumball machines. We need to increase locations.

May 5th Division Council Meeting will be at 6:30pm at the Cotton Patch

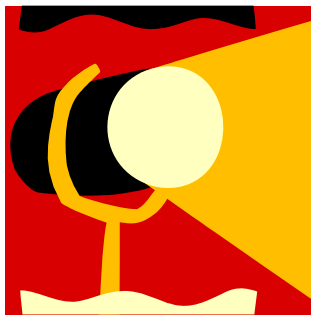
Scholarship recipients will attend two meetings in May. Sign up sheets will be available again next week to host meals for the students.

Jack Harkins announced disaster Relief Training by the Salvation Army will be held on June 20th from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. See Jack for a sign up form.



Left to Right: **Chris and Kristen Carnohan** prove that Kiwanis is a family affair. **Roy Dent**, aka Syrup Man, gets in the Pancake Day spirit

SPOTLIGHT ON THE "YOUNG CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE" COMMITTEE!



Kelly Jones chairs our Young Children Priority One Committee. This committee identifies and implements projects for children, pre-natal through age five. Projects may address maternal and child health, childcare, early development, nutrition, parenting education and support, or pediatric trauma and safety. Other committee members include **Marty Anderson, Faye Dodson, Grady Jolly, Margaret Jolly, Sharon Jones, LuGene Lewis, Carmen Martinez, John Sharp, Guinn Smith, J.R. Velasco, Shirley Velasco, Shannon Nix, and A.C. Alrey.**

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	Dick Kincaid
Jerry Carter	John Thomas
Lora Lynn Christensen	

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