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12th ARMORED MUSEUM BILL LENCHES, CURATOR

**Noon, Wednesday, May 27
Abilene Country Club**

Bill Lenches was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey. While in school, he worked at his father's garage as a vintage automobile restorer and building special-effects models for local television commercials. After graduation, he faced a choice: Enter the Air Force or pursue a career as a special effects model maker at Industrial Light & Magic. He entered the service on 6/1/82.

During his 25-year career, he served variously in the Americas, Europe, Asia and the Middle East in capacities ranging from Electronics Technician to Ground Combat Specialist to Maintenance Management. His final assignment was as Scheduling Section Chief for the 7th Bomb Wing. He has been a resident of Abilene since January 1995, and plans to never leave.

His love of history led him to volunteer at museums wherever he was stationed. He quickly became adept at restoring vintage military vehicles and preserving other artifacts. He also developed a passion for military reenacting. These interests, coupled with the administrative skills he learned in the Air Force, led him to seek the position of Curator at the 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum, where he has been since May of 2008.



VALEDICTORIAN / SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT LUNCHEON MAY 20

President **Russell Berry** presided. **Matt Preston** led the prayer, **Allen Eggleston** led the singing. **Millie Braddy** played piano. **Nelson Sparks** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Rob Allen** introduced our guests.

Ken Lenoir introduced the speaker, Dr. John Miller, today. Dr. Miller shared insights directed toward the students. He stressed the importance of enjoying successes and in taking responsibility for our own lives. He encouraged the students to make time to celebrate accomplishments along the way. He stated life was not a given.

Dr. Miller also stated it was important to make friends, share experiences, know who you are and what you want to become. In addition, he shared the need to take responsibility for our lives, to make the most of experience and to know that eventually, some day, you will say, "these were the best days of my life".

Linda Fogerson welcomed all the faculty, students and administrators, including valedictorians and salutatorians of the Class of 2009. **Ken Lenoir** introduced the recipients of the Foundation Scholarship funds and shared some of the accomplishments of each recipient.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for **Roy Dent's** wife, Linda, who continues treatment at M.D. Anderson. Pray for **Bud Coke** and his wife Ruby. Pray for **Clarence Presswood** who is at Hendrick, Room 5601. Pray **J.C. McCurdy's** wife, Arlene. Pray for **H.B. Terry** who is having a medical procedure this week. Pray for the family of former member, June Bell, who passed away this week.

Cup Money - \$31.12



Brag Basket - \$6.00

Spiritual Aims Message: "The Real Victory, Life!"

It is not uncommon to read in an obituary that someone died after a courageous battle with cancer. For a Christian this is a battle that has transpired sometime in the past and the fact of physical death is an afterthought. How the Church has moved through the last 2000 years was described by the phrase, "the blood of the saints is the seed of the Church." So while physical death is not a subject of most happy conversations, it is in fact a testimony to the faith that says death has lost the final battle and life has won.

"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God." Colossians 3:1-3

BIRTHDAYS

May 31

Melvin Martin



NEW MEMBERS

Rebecca Allen	5/20/09	LuGene Lewis
Robert Pollan	5/20/09	Russell Berry/Dennis Laster
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



INTERCLUBS

Key City Club

Monday, May 18

Gary Bomar
James Hallmark
Mark Hoover
Royce Manning
Donald McDonald

Downtown Abilene

Tuesday, May 19

Van Boozer
James Hallmark
Bill Hoogstra
Ken Lenoir
Roland Williams
Bill Zavatson

Greater Abilene

Thursday, May 21

Curtis Blackburn
James Hallmark
Mark Hoover
Dennis Laster
Carmen Martinez

Key City Club

Monday, May 24

Keith Garner
James Hallmark
Henry McGinty
Brice West
Jerry Zikmund



Above: **Scholarship Winners:** Celeste Graham, Heather Cagley, Deborah Hilbert, Krista Hutchinson (Not Pictured), Kaitlyn Martin (Not Pictured). **Valedictorians and Salutatorians:** **AHS:** Jennifer Tate, Valedictorian, Deborah Hilbert, Salutatorian; **CHS:** Matthew Stark, Valedictorian, Leeza Potosnak, Salutatorian, **ACHS:** Amanda Jinkerson, Valedictorian, Kimberly Wilson, Salutatorian (not pictured); **Wylie:** Marian Regan, Valedictorian, Joshua Light, Salutatorian. Left: Terry Bull, AHS Principal, and Deborah Hilbert, AHS Salutatorian.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

June 03 – Pancake Wrap-up
June 10 – John Altman, Sleep Apnea



RECENT GUESTS – May 20, 2008

<u>GUEST</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>GUEST</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Vanessa Sealy	Sheila Watts	Frank Embry	Curtis Blackburn
Miesha Mahuch	Carmen Martinez	Gary Jay	Greater Abilene
Beverly Lenoir	Ken Lenoir	Bobbie Bieberly	Greater Abilene
Jim Boggs	Ken Lenoir	Richard Melton	Greater Abilene
Tom Kim	Jerry Harris		

Eleven students were honored as Valedictorian & Salutatorian of their High School Senior class. Parents and Grandparents of students also attended. Principals and administrators from AHS, CHS, ACHS and WHS were also present for a total of 32 guests from schools.

SEE BY THREE REPORT by Glyn Hammons

Due to the efforts of about 70 volunteer days (24 different people) and 229 volunteer hours, See by Three was able to do vision screening on a total of 268 three and four year kids in the Fall of 2008 and the Spring of 2009. Out of this number 18 were referred for further testing and 34 will need to be re-screened next year, because they were not mature enough to be tested.

We asked for feedback on all those who were referred, but only received a few. Two of those we received make the entire program worth all of the hours spent. One response said,

"He will need to wear glasses. 20/20 right eye, 20/100 left eye. Thank you so much for this screening. I had no idea he is only using one eye to see with." Another response said after an eye exam the child was referred for muscle surgery evaluation and the surgery was done on 3-06-09. Other success stories have been related each year and we believe there are many more we never hear.

We frequently talk about what we do with Kiwanis dollars, but just look at what we do with KIWANIANs at work. Thank you so much for the many hours of dedicated service by all who work with the See by Three Program.



Sharon Jones & Joshua at a screening conducted at the First Baptist Church Day Care facility.

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	\$14,106.47
Amount Needed to Meet \$50,000 Goal	\$35,893.53
Pledged, Not Received	\$6,400.00
Monthly Drafts in Process	\$2,611.00
Still Needed to Reach Goal	\$26,883.00

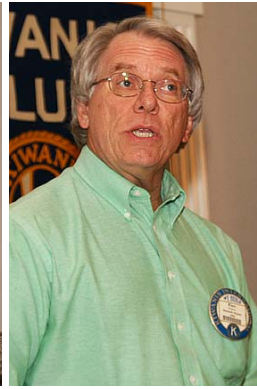


ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTES

Jerry Harris (not **Jerry Carter**, as reported last week) has been a member for 25 years!

June 20th – **Disaster Relief Training** at the Salvation Army.

Bill Hoogstra and **Charles Kirkpatrick** are in charge of the Prayer Breakfast. Details on following page.



Left: **Carl Lockett** and **Roy Dent** enjoy a good meal and fellowship. Kiwanis photographers **Charles Kirkpatrick** and **David Jones** get their turn on the other side of the camera.

Above: **Ken Lenoir** introduced the guest speaker. **Ken Poyner** introduced the scholarship winners. Past-Presidents **Carl Lockett** and **Bill Hoogstra**.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Division 35 will be hosting the **Division 35 Annual Prayer Breakfast** on June 4, 2009. In addition to songs and prayers for our blessings, our clubs, Kiwanis, our troops, and our nation, we will announce and honor the **Division 35 Layperson of the Year**. That's special. Also special is that this Prayer Breakfast will be hosted by Kiwanian **Bobbie Wolfe** and will take place at his "Barn" behind his home at 24 Avenida de Silva at 7 AM. Moreover, in lieu of a charge for the meal, Bobbie will foot the cost, but encourage those attending to make a donation to the Division 35 bank account.

Directions to the "Barn": Go south on 83/84, go about 3 miles past Abilene Regional Medical Center, look for Farm Road 204/Clark Road, turn left (east), go about a mile and find intersection with Avenida de Silva, turn right (south), home is on the right.

Please use the sign-up sheet on the tables during our regular meeting(s). Prayer Breakfasts result in the filling of the soul as well as the belly. This one should be even more (full) filling than usual. Come and enjoy a fabulous start for your day.

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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