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RED LIGHT CAMERA POSSIBILITIES ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER DAVID VELA

**Noon, Wednesday, June 24
Abilene Country Club**

June 24th, David Vela will be our guest speaker. He is Abilene's Assistant City Manager and his areas of responsibility include Public Works, Community Services, and Water Utilities.

David will be speaking to us about the Red Light Camera issue. Please be there to get the latest info.

CRIME VICTIM CRISIS CENTER DIANE DOTSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR "Violent Crime in Abilene - Not in MY Backyard!" June 17

President **Russell Berry** presided. **Faye Dodson** led the prayer, **Charles Kirkpatrick** led the singing. **Millie Braddy** played piano. **Jennifer Kent** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Nell Sims** introduced our guests.

Margaret Jolly introduced Dianne Dotson, Executive Director of Regional Crime Victim Crisis Center (RCVCC). The topic of Dianne's presentation was "Violent Crime in Abilene—Not in MY Backyard!" Dianne gave a very informative program providing information on several different areas of outreach provided through the RCVCC. She began by describing the WHO (We Help Ourselves) program designed to help children and teens identify and deal with potentially dangerous situations. As explained in a brochure made available to those present, WHO focuses on how to identify and prevent child abuse, child sexual assault, bullying, peer pressure and other problems.



Dianne Dotson, Speaker

Dianne also shared information on the S.T.A.R. (Students Taking Action for Respect) program. The curriculum for this program covers middle school and high school dating violence prevention. She provided a web site: www.canikissyou.org as a great resource, stating that the organizer of this program will be the featured speaker for them in April, 2010.

The RCVCC is a non-profit corporation receiving funding from state and local government, private foundations, corporations and individual donations. They work closely with the trauma center, and the law enforcement center. Currently the center mans a 24/7 crisis line and has 42 trained counselors.

Russell thanked Dianne for coming today and announced a donation would be made on her behalf to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation to fund scholarships for students.

Cup Money - \$40.71



Brag Basket - \$24.00

FUTURE PROGRAMS

July 1 – Patriotic Program, Nancy Robinson Masters

July 8 – Everything You Want to Know about Our County, Randy Williams

July 15 – Abilene Police Department S.W.A.T.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for **Clarence Presswood** who is now at Wesley Court. Pray **J.C. McCurdy's** wife, Arlene. Pray for Earlene and **Billy Clay**, who have moved to Royal Estates. Also pray for Sharon Jones.

Spiritual Aims Message: "Naming a Good Man"

The author of the New Testament book, Acts, among other issues describes people who are set forth as examples to follow. He tells how leaders were chosen, how advances in the Church, took place, and how ordinary people did extraordinary acts of bravery, generosity, and witness.

One of those pointed out in a brief sentence was a Christian convert named Joseph of Cyprus. His family was from the tribe of Levi. Very few people think of the noteworthy act of Joseph or even recognize the person. However, when the disciples gave him the great nickname, Barnabas, the Son of Encouragement, we immediately think of a generous man who encouraged many. Often Barnabas would encourage those who most would overlook or assume were beyond help. I would hope that individual Kiwanis members and even the club as a whole is seen throughout the community as a Barnabas Club, one who encourages any who need a hand up or a hand out.

"Thus Joseph who was surnamed by the apostles Barnabas (which means, Son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, sold a field which belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet." Acts 4:36-37

BIRTHDAYS

June 25 **Mac Sipe**
June 30 **Dub Pritchett**



NEW MEMBERS

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

INTERCLUBS

Key City Club	Greater Abilene
Monday, June 15	Thursday, June 18
Marty Anderson	David Bacon
Russell Berry	Roy Dent
Keith Garner	Keith Garner
Manual Longoria	Kirk Hancock
Robert Pritz	Carmen Martinez
	Ken Poynor



This brings our total interclubs to 72 for the 2008-2009 Kiwanis year, with 94 individuals participating in at least one interclub.

RECENT GUESTS – June 17, 2009

<u>GUEST</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>GUEST</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Diane Dotson	Club Guest	Barbara Reid	Bill Hoogstra
Brad Burchum	Keith Garner	Holly Riley	Bill Hoogstra
Andrew Carlson	David Bacon	Ken Bomar	Bill Hoogstra
Roenna Thomas	John Thomas	Susan Tish	Bill Hoogstra
Bobbie Bieberly	Greater Abilene		

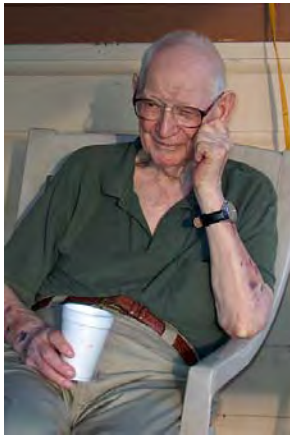
Hendrick Children's Hospital Wing Goal \$50,000

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
Still Needed to Reach Goal	\$26,883.00



Camp Courage: **Linda Forgerson** reported Camp Courage was a great success. **John Thomas** chimed in expressing that his daughter attended Camp Courage and was still talking about it.



**KIWANIANS
RAMP UP!**

Mr. Hester watches the Kiwanians at work. **Dennis Laster** goes over plans with **Ricki Brown** and **Curtis Blackburn**.

Ramp Committee built first ramp this Saturday, June 13th on LaSalle Street. Builders: **Bill Hoogstra, Kelly Jones, Dennis Laster, Ricki Brown, Curtis Blackburn** and **Jerry Carter**. **Sharon Jones** provided refreshments.



Kelly Jones cuts support braces to the proper length. **Bill Hoogstra** digs out grass to give the ramp a solid foundation.



We're making real progress now! **Jerry Carter** lends his expertise. Chow time!



Before and after - The finished product!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTES

The **2009 TX-OK Convention** is being hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Rockwall, Texas, August 6th through August 9th.

The **2009 International Convention** is June 24-27.

Disaster Relief Training at the Salvation Army for June 20 has been cancelled.

Celebration Tuesday – September 29!

Disaster Certificate Training – August 7! Turnout for training in Abilene was too low to warrant the trainers coming to us. Please note on the attached information that this training will be available during our T-O Convention in Rockwall. (Registration Form Attached!)

Kiwanis Calendar on the website: www.abilenekiwanis.org



Women in Kiwanis: *Nell Sims* introduced the guests. *Margaret Jolly* introduced the program. *Lou Briley* is served a slice of roast beef. *Jennifer Kent* and *Carmen Martinez* comparing notes.

AKTION CLUB

Calling Kiwanians to ACTION for the new Aktion Club at Abilene State School! **John Thomas**, Chair and single member of the Aktion Club Committee is in need of volunteers to help get organized. Requirements for the positions: Open minds, lots of patience, and willingness to get involved. The next meeting will be Monday June 22nd. Contact John for details. Plans are to kick off the new club in October 2009.

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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A four-hour disaster-training course
Entitled "ServSafe"
(a food handling course)

Place: Texas-Oklahoma District Convention
Hilton Hotel Convention Center
Rockwall, Texas

Date: Friday, August 7, 2009
Time: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
(Room number will be available at convention)

In order to receive certification, one must complete full course

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JULY 20, 2009**

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