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BEFORE YOU PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE **Nancy Robinson Masters**

Noon, Wednesday, July 1
Abilene Country Club

Grab your cap and goggles and take off with award-winning author/pilot/speaker, Nancy Robinson Masters, as she introduces you to some "Extraordinary Patriots" whom you need to meet before you say the pledge of allegiance to the Flag!

Nancy is the author of 32 books, and hundreds of articles published in magazines, newspapers and trade journals around the world. She has shared her patriotic "Freedom to Read 'em" message with more than 200,000 students and quite a few Kiwanians as well!



RED LIGHT CAMERA POSSIBILITIES **ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, DAVID VELA** **June 24**

President **Russell Berry** presided. **Royce Manning** led the prayer, **Jamie Breed** led the singing. **Millie Braddy** played piano. **Carmen Martinez** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **John Snapp** introduced our guests.

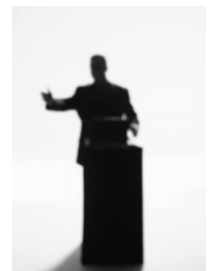
Melvin Martin introduced Assistant City Manager, David Vela. David came to Abilene 3 years ago from Austin, is married and has a 2-year-old son. Melvin introduced David as "one of the good guys." David was assisted by Sara Chen, who is working with him in a summer program.

David stated the city began a study in January 2008, to evaluate a problem described as an epidemic in Abilene, more specifically - "Running of Red Lights". He stated this was certainly a serious problem, then highlighted steps taken to address the issue. David used a video clip to stress the seriousness of the red light problem in Abilene Texas. In the video a pedestrian was involved in an accident caused by a driver who ran a red light and crashed into a second car. To say that the video gained the attention of the audience is an understatement. He continued to discuss challenges, strategies, next steps and parting thoughts. Findings from the study will be presented to the City Council on July 9th. This was a very informative presentation, well presented, and certainly an issue each of us needs to take seriously.

Russell thanked David and Sara for coming and announced we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Foundation in their honor for scholarships.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- July 8** – Everything You Want to Know about Our County, County Commissioner **Randy Williams**
- July 15** – Abilene Police Department S.W.A.T., John Clark, and **Gary Bomar** presenting Ag Scholarships
- July 22** - Archaic Laws Still on the Books and Other Humor in the Justice System, Judge Wheeler
- July 29** - Teen Challenge – Putting Youth Back on Track through Discipline, Chris Jones



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** and Ruby Coke.

Spiritual Aims Message: "The Source of Hope"

Leaders and movers are able to attract and hold followers as they inspire concepts and visions that lead to hope. Hope is not so much an active wish, depending on some luck or happenstance, as it is a belief that life can be better and the future is open for success and freedom. The apostle Paul worked throughout his life to instill this dream in those who so often had no hope and attributed its advent to faith in the Christ.

"Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance and endurance produces character, and character produces hope and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us." Romans 5: 1-5

Cup Money - \$34.47



Brag Basket - \$3.00

BIRTHDAYS

July 02 **Marty Anderson**
July 04 **Roy Dent**



INTERCLUBS

North Abilene
Friday, June 19
Keith Garner
Jack Harkins
LuGene Lewis
Henry McGinty
Randy Williams

Key City Club
Monday, June 22
Faye Dodson
Keith Garner
Bill Hoogstra
Grady Jolly
Margarett Jolly
Kelly Jones
Bobbie Wolfe

Greater Abilene
Thursday, June 25
Keith Garner
James Hallmark
Charles Kilpatrick
Don Paige

This brings our total interclubs to 75 for the 2008-2009 Kiwanis year, with 94 individuals participating in at least one interclub.

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



COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hello everyone,

It is time for committee reports again, even though we have a few days left in the month of June. A blank form is attached to this week's Kiwanigram for your convenience. Completed information can be emailed to Kiwanis@abilene.org, faxed to 627-7285, or mailed to Faye Dodson, 1442 Lowden, Abilene, TX 79601.

Thanks everyone!



Guests are always welcome at Kiwanis meetings!
Earl Williams brought his son, **Rodney Williams**, as his guest. **Joe Marcikeyz** was the guest of **Mac Sipe**.

RECENT GUESTS – June 24, 2009

<u>GUEST</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>GUEST</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Joe Rocco *	Kelly Jones	Sara Chen	Club Guest
Joe Scraggs **	Gordon Dowell	Bobbi Bieberly	Greater Abilene
Joe Marcikeyz	Mac Sipe	Lorne Sutherlin	Greater Abilene
Rodney Williams	Earl Williams	John Hewitt	Greater Abilene
David Vela	Club Guest	George Woodfin	

* Submitted member application.

** Expressed interest in membership.

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.

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!)

Check out the **Kiwanis Calendar** on the website: www.abilenekiwanis.org. Also visit www.kiwanisclubofabilene.shutterfly.com to see some great pictures. **Charles Kirkpatrick** has the site up and running and it is FANTASTIC! You will enjoy photos of the recent ramp project, Pancake Day, Shootout and much, much more!

NEW MEMBERS

Tara Castille	6/24/09	Marty Anderson
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



*Pictured at right: New member **Tara Castille** was introduced by sponsor, **Marty Anderson** today. Tara who lives in Tuscola is Assistant Manger at Sam's Club. She is married to Steve, has two children and one grandchild. Tara has been involved with Keep Abilene Beautiful as past President and board member, Chamber Redcoats and Hispanic Leadership Abilene. Welcome Tara!*

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. Contact John for details – 325-695-5020. Plans are to kick off the new club in October 2009.



Faces of Kiwanis: *James Hallmark and Ricki Brown* enjoy a great meal and fellowship. *Royce Manning* led the opening prayer and *John Snapp* introduced the guests. *Melvin Martin* introduced the program.



The 2009 TX-OK Convention August 6 – 9, 2009

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We hope that each Kiwanis member in our club will consider attending this year's convention, centrally located in the Texas - Oklahoma District on the shores of beautiful Lake Ray Hubbard (23 miles east of Downtown Dallas)

It is going to be an informative, exciting and fun filled convention with over 30 exhibits and more forums than we have had in recent times. The online registration is up and going at www.txok2009.com.

You will be receiving additional videos in the near future about the hotel accommodations, a tour of the brand new convention center at the host hotel on the lake, a video on the spouse's day at Fire Wheel and other informative information.

Governor Nancy Miller's Video Invite to the convention can be found at the following link.

http://www.txok2009.com/index.php?option=com_content&id=70&Itemid=57

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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CLUB COMMITTEE



CHAIRMAN REPORT

Report of Committee on _____ Month _____ Yr _____

Kiwanis Club of _____ Division _____

Number of members on Committee: _____ No. of Meetings during month _____ Meeting Date(s): _____ No. Attending: _____

CONTINUING ACTIVITIES (Projects on which work is continued over several months)

Name of Activity	Check if Project completed	Service hours worked	No. of Kiwanians involved*	No. of persons benefited	Money spent this month	Additional Information (Continue on separate sheet)
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						

*List names of Kiwanians involved in each project on separate sheet.

NEW ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH

Name of Activity	Check if Project completed	Service hours worked	No. of Kiwanians involved*	No. of persons benefited	Money spent this month	Additional Information (Continue on separate sheet)
5.						
6.						
7.						

*List names of Kiwanians involved in each project on separate sheet.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES (Include manpower and funding required for each proposed activity.)

(Continue on separate sheet)

Date mailed to Secretary _____, Chairman

NOTE TO CHAIRMEN: Complete this report in triplicate. Send original (white) and duplicate (yellow) copies to your Club Secretary by the LAST day of each month. Retain pink copy for your committee records.

Remember that your club secretary depends upon the information that you submit in this report. This information is used to compile the Official Monthly Report which your club secretary must send to district officers by the tenth of each month.