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EVERYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR COUNTY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER RANDY WILLIAMS

**Noon, Wednesday, July 8
Abilene Country Club**

Randy Williams, our own Kiwanis Club of Abilene member, will present a program on "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Your County," or at least as much as he has learned since becoming an elected County Commissioner.

Randy worked as a program director for the YMCA Juvenile Justice Program for two years. He then became an employee of Taylor County Juvenile Probation, serving four years as an Officer, five years as a Detention Superintendent, nine years as Assistant Chief Juvenile Officer and ten years as Deputy Chief Juvenile Officer. He has been a volunteer in many organizations besides Kiwanis, and has served as president of Classical Chorus of Abilene. In 2008, Randy filed to run on the Republican Ticket for Taylor County Commissioner, Precinct #1. Randy won 53% of the vote, and subsequently won the general election in November 2008. He was sworn into office January 1, 2009 for a four year term.

Have your questions ready for Randy and remember to invite a guest.

BEFORE YOU PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Nancy Robinson Masters July 1

President **Russell Berry** presided. **Ken Lenoir** led the prayer, **Charles Kirkpatrick** led the singing. **Millie Braddy** played piano. **Grady Jolly** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Mark Hoover** introduced our guests.

Lora Lynn Christensen introduced our speaker, Nancy Robinson Masters. Nancy, author of 34 books with more on the way, presented an excellent program introducing us to some "Extraordinary Patriots" who certainly earned the right to be labeled as extraordinary.

Nancy complimented the Kiwanis Club of Abilene as being "Kiwansians who know how to say the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag". And she reminded us that we should place our hand over our heart as we sing the National Anthem.

Nancy highlighted a few "extraordinary patriots", such as George Washington's mother, Mrs. Washington, who disowned her sons because they denounced England. She felt so strongly about her commitment to her homeland that she did not attend George Washington's inauguration. Nancy shared a story about Cecil Rodney, an old bachelor from Delaware who had throat cancer and could only gurgle. Mr. Rodney cast the vote that broke the tie for independence. He voted for independence! Nancy told of Ed Roy Oldham who loved catsup. He asked one day, "What is patriotism?" And the answer was, "You love your country more than you love catsup".

Nancy presented a great program and closed with a challenge first to the leadership of Kiwanis then to each member. She suggested we become members of the ACE club bringing in 5 new members each so that more children could be served in the community. She led us in a fun little chorus about engaging power and gaining momentum. (She indicated she would send that to me for the Kiwanigram.)

Lora Lynn thanked Nancy for coming and announced that we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club Foundation in her honor for scholarships.



FUTURE PROGRAMS

- 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 improving and hoping to return to Kiwanis in a couple of weeks. 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. Pray for Dennis Tarrant who works at First Financial Bank, who underwent surgery for colon cancer.

Spiritual Aims Message: "Humility and the Common Good"

The great United Methodist missionary, E. Stanley Jones, gave his life to establishing Christian Churches and other institutions that would serve all casts of Indian society. One of the native institutions caught his imagination and served his mission well. It was the Indian Ashram, which was a retreat dedicated to meditation, rest, prayer, and spiritual renewal. He founded a Christian Ashram, whose mission statement was *"Here we enter a fellowship. Sometimes we will agree to differ, but always we will resolve to love and unite to serve"*.

What a resolution for Kiwanis to follow in a society that has become increasingly fragmented with ill will in virtually every aspect of culture from religion to politics and national health policy to international relationships. The Apostle Paul looked for a similar character in the Corinthian Church.

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." I Corinthians 12: 4-5

Cup Money - \$37.35



Brag Basket - \$3.00

BIRTHDAYS

July 11 **Jerry Harris**
July 15 **J.C. McCurdy**



INTERCLUBS

Key City Club
Monday, June 29
Ricki Brown
James Cassel
Keith Garner
Dub Pritchett
James Shields

This brings our total interclubs to 76 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

Shootout \$ 2009

Addl Shootout Funds 2009

Amount Collected to Date

Amount Needed to Meet \$50,000 Goal

Still Needed to Reach Goal



\$19,200.00

2,500.00

3,975.48

\$21,425.35

\$28,574.65

\$26,883.00

Dear Kiwanis Club of Abilene,

We greatly appreciate your generous donation to Love and Care Ministries. We will use your contribution to help meet the basic needs such as food, clothing, and medical/dental care for our community's homeless and low-income families.

You are a blessing to us and the community we serve. We cannot reach as many people as we do without the help of generous contributions of others.

God Bless You,

Mark Hewitt

Love and Care Ministries



Faces of Kiwanis: **Kimberley Cole** listens intently to Nancy Robinson Masters' speech. **Ken Lenoir** led the opening prayer. **Robert Pritz** is the Taylor County Extension Agent. **Faye Dodson**, club secretary, checks the members in as they arrive at the meeting. **Gary Bomar** asked Kiwanians to volunteer to work at the Texas State 4H Horse Show. **Lora Lynn Christensen** introduced the program.

RECENT GUESTS – July 1, 2009

GUEST

Don Newbury

Nancy Robinson Masters

MEMBER

Russell Berry

Club Guest

I HAVE ... POWER!

When the fuel goes in the engine a spark ignites!
The pistons go up and down and the propeller turns
'round and 'round.

When the wheels start to wiggle on the ground
The wings go up, UPWARD BOUND!

(It takes everyone doing his/her part to make an
organization a success--an "ACE")

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTES

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

Celebration Tuesday – September 29!

Check out the **Kiwanis Calendar** on the website: www.abilenekiwanis.org. Also visit www.kiwanisclubofabilene.shutterfly.com to see some great pictures.

Club Leadership Assignments: During **Russell Berry's** absence over next two weeks, announcements or notices should be routed to the following: Vice-President **Charles Kirkpatrick** will be moderating the club meeting on July 8, as well as the board meeting on July 14 at Alley Cats. Vice President **Randy Williams** will be moderating the club meeting on July 15.

Gary Bomar announced the upcoming Texas State 4-H Horse Show at the Taylor County Expo Center July 25th and 26th. Gate Keepers are needed. Sign-up sheets will be on the tables next week or volunteers can go to www.taylorcountyexpo.com to sign up.

Key City Club has moved their weekly meeting permanently to Sharon's BBQ

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



Top: **J.C. McCurdy** and **"Lew" Lewis**. **Margaret and Grady Jolly** show their patriotic colors. Bottom Row: **Jim Miller** and **Don Riddle** visit before the meeting. **Millie Braddy** and **Roland Williams**.

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.

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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KIWANIS IS WHERE A NEED IS Served