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WHO DO YOU SEE IN THE MIRROR? Judge Joseph Williams

Noon, Wednesday, September 23
Abilene Country Club

Dr. Joseph A. Williams, author of *Who Do You See in the Mirror?*, is a native of Abilene, Texas. He is one of twelve children, which included Earl Williams. Dr. Williams attended Woodson High School, holds a B.S. in Chemistry and Mathematics from Huston-Tillotson College, an MBA in Organizational Behavior from University of Missouri, and a PhD in Applied Management and Decision Science from Walden University, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dr. Williams was the founder of Common Sense Management Strategies, providing consulting services to businesses for responsible organizational behavior and public speaking. He has received awards from United Way, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and Ebony Magazine, among many others.

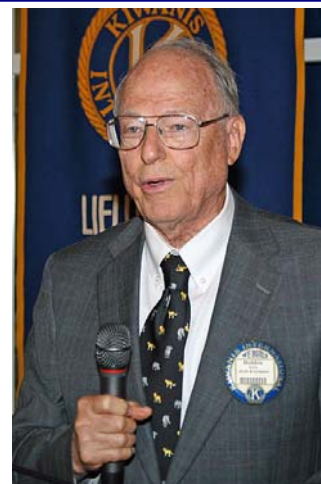
SOUTH AFRICAN SAFARI, Bobbie Wolfe September 16

President **Russell Berry** presided. **Kirk Hancock** led the prayer, **Don Scargall** led the singing. **Millie Braddy** played piano. **Pam McGrew** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Mac Sipe** introduced our guests.

Quote from Benjamin Disraeli Berry: "*Action may not always bring happiness, but happiness will not happen without action.*"

Dub Pritchett introduced our own Bobbie Wolfe as the speaker today. Bobbie gave a wonderful presentation of his South African Safari. Bobbie and his wife, Bernice, spent four weeks with seven other couples and traveled by motor homes in this third world country.

Pictures of Cape Town presented a progressive city, however Bobbie explained 80% of the population of South Africa is illiterate and there is no free education there. He presented pictures of a progressive city, and in contrast, photos of the very poor. Bobbie presented pictures



Mr. Bobbie Wolfe

that looked much like West Texas with rolling hills and also jungle-like vegetation. Not only did we see beautiful pictures of the land, Bobbie presented great pictures of all kinds of animals from baboons to zebras, elephants and rhinos and so many others simply too numerous to mention. He stated the moon and sun looked the same in South Africa as they did in the United States, and then gave us some breath taking sunsets to enjoy. Bobbie concluded with a video of a giraffe fight and explained this was certainly a very unusual sight, but it is the way of the wild.

Russell thanked Dub for an enjoyable program and announced that a donation would be made to the Kiwanis Club Foundation for scholarships in his honor.

Today was the final meeting for Russell as President. Russell will be out of town next week and Jamie Breed will lead the meeting. What a great leader! Thank you, Russell, for a job well done.

Cup Money - \$36.88



Brag Basket - \$18.00

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE'S CELEBRATION BANQUET!**

Tuesday, September 29 - 6:30 p.m. at the Abilene Woman's Club \$20 per person

Bring your spouse and/or a prospective Kiwanian and come join the fun – we'll be celebrating the successes of the past year, recognizing outstanding Kiwanians and enjoying fellowship with some of the best folks in town! **Note:** The Celebration Banquet will serve as the Club meeting for the week. There will not be a Kiwanis meeting on Wed, Sept 30th. Register at the Club meeting or by contacting Margaret Hoogstra at (w)795-1762, (h) 529-4523 or at tft@texasfortstrail.com.

- Mark has scheduled a **Meeting for all New Officers and Committee Chairs** to take place Thursday, September 24th, 6:00 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club Office, 1219 East South 11th Street. Contact Mark at markabgc@yahoo.com or (325) 672-1712 for details.
- **The Salvation Army** is hosting monthly community awareness meetings called "Behind The Red Shield". These sessions include a free luncheon, a vision of their services presented by Major James Parrish and a tour of their facilities. These meetings offer a firsthand look at the work The Army does in the Abilene area and they only last for one hour.

If you would like to join us for a "Behind The Red Shield" luncheon and learn more about their wonderful organization, please call Cecilia at 677-1408 for more details. You will not be asked to make a financial contribution, but they welcome your advice and ideas.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for **Clarence Presswood**. Pray for **J.C. McCurdy's** wife, Arlene. Pray for Earlene and **Billy Clay**. Pray for **Bud Coke's** family as they grieve the loss of Ruby. Pray for the family of past member, Tony McMillon.

Spiritual Aims Message: Loving Neighbor

Various churches, denominations, and other worship communities offer their followers multiple concepts, principles and rules for living according to their understanding of the Bible and church tradition. When that is condensed to its essential truth we have what is really important. When Jesus was asked the question about the most important rule of the road, the essence of God's law, He replied, "*Love God and love neighbor.*" When we allow that teaching to guide our lives, we find that we can love and serve with peace and gratitude.

Matthew 22:35-40: "*And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?' And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.'*"



Faces of Kiwanis: **Kelly Jones** was recently named President of the Air Force Association. **Russell Berry** presided over his final meeting as president. **Lynda Fogerson** celebrated her birthday. **Ken Lenoir** and **Robert Pritz** enjoy the great cuisine.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

September 29 – Celebrations Banquet

September 30 – No meeting Wednesday at noon.

NEW MEMBERS

Pam McGrew 9/2/09
Ron Colwell 9/2/09
David Vela 8/5/09
Don Henderson 7/22/09
Tara Castille 6/24/09

Doug Williamson
Dennis Laster
Lou Briley
James Hallmark
Marty Anderson

Doug Williamson introduced Pam McGrew as a new member. Pam originally joined the Kiwanis Club of Abilene in May 2004, and resigned in May of 2008, as she moved for her job. She is back in Abilene serving as the Executive Director at Mesa Springs. We are so glad Pam has returned to us and look forward to working with her as we seek to touch the lives of others in the community.



Pam McGrew

INTERCLUBS

Key City
Monday, Sept. 14
Doris Armstrong
Jack Harkins
Donald McDonald
Robert Pollan
Mac Sipe

Greater Abilene
Thursday, Sept. 17
Van Boozer
Keith Garner
Donald McDonald
Clinton Nix
Ken Poynor

Key City
Monday, Sept. 21
Keith Garner
Bill Hoogstra
David Jones
Kelly Jones
Don Scargall
John Snapp

This brings our total interclubs to **110** for the 2008-2009 Kiwanis year, with **104** individuals participating in at least one interclub.

Russell highlighted the Interclub Committee today thanking Keith Garner for doing a great job. This committee was extremely active having organized 109 Interclubs this year. That is more than 2 per week!

BIRTHDAYS

September 24 **Lou Briley**

Hí,

The inaugural meeting of the Big Country Aktion Club was undoubtedly a huge success. This success would not have happened without significant effort from a lot of people. There was 100% attendance and for the most part 100% participation. Specific thanks go to:

- *Qs* – For talking with new members about the Aktion Club and obtaining verbal consent for pictures from guardians
- Supervisors – For making sure home support staff understood the importance of attendance and appearance of folks. Folks who live here looked very nice.
- Bob, Jimmy and transportation drivers – as we all know transportation remains one of our biggest challenges and our transportation dept. stepped up to the plate and hit one out of the park
- Home Support Staff – The HSS did an outstanding job. They really helped keep folks engaged. The success could not have happened without them. Supervisors, please give the home support staff a special thank you. Special thanks to Candice Wilkins for her attendance and support in taking pictures.
- Sponsors – Bill Hoogstra, Wyester Johnson and David Feemster for their participation and input
- Kiwanis Club of Abilene – for sponsoring the Big Country Aktion Club

*Jeff Branch, Active Treatment Coordinator
Abilene State Supported Living Center*

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



\$19,200.00
\$2,500.00
\$3,975.48
\$21,849.05
\$28,150.95

Russell reminded those present of our pledge to the 2010 Hendrick Project, recapping the amount received to date and the history behind the project. The goal for the Kiwanis Club of Abilene is \$50,000.00. Sign up sheets will be available next week for those who have not pledged to participate. This is optional, but is a great project and we want to reach that goal. If you have made a pledge but have not turned in those funds, please do so soon. Checks need to be made payable to Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation.



Pictured: **Bobbie Wolfe** brought his wife Bernice to today's meeting. **Matt Preston** and **Ricki Brown** enjoying dinner. **Dub Pritchett** brought his wife Mary as his guest today.

RECENT GUESTS – September 16, 2009

GUEST

Guy Lucas
Bernice Wolfe
Vickie Harris
Dawn O'Neill
Cindy Blakeney
Rob Gooch

GUEST OF

Clinton Nix
Bobbie Wolfe
Bobbie Wolfe
Bobbie Wolfe
Bobbie Wolfe
Bobbie Wolfe

GUEST

Janelle Gooch
Bill Rhyan
Tommy Broyles
Mary Pritchett
D. H. Pope

GUEST OF

Bobbie Wolfe
Jeff Goodin
Jeff Goodin
Dub Pritchett
Greater Abilene

2008-2009 OFFICERS

Russell Berry President
Jamie Breed Vice-President
Randy Williams Vice President
Charles Kirkpatrick Vice President
Carl Lockett Immediate Past-President

Mark Young President-Elect
Ricki Brown Treasurer/Foundation Treasurer
Faye Dodson Secretary
Henry McGinty Assistant Secretary

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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