

K *The Kiwanis Club of Abilene* KIWANIGRAM



INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, Mark Young Abilene Country Club, Noon, October 7

Hello Kiwanians! As we look at a new year for The Kiwanis of Abilene, I think it only right that we take some time to celebrate the excellent job **Past President Russell Berry** did as he encouraged us all to "**Do Something!**"

We owe Russell even more gratitude because he stepped in at the last minute to take on the

Presidency when the then elected President had to relinquish his nomination because of personal reasons.

Short notice, great planning, and superb leadership took our club to great heights last year, and so we heartily applaud Russell Berry's wonderful leadership.

What's in store for this coming year? If you

want to know that, then you will need to be here on Wednesday when we induct our new officers and I will have the opportunity to share my vision and goals for the coming year. (I promise, they will be brief and you will be out the door by 1:00 p.m.)

I look forward to seeing you there!

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Legion of Honor Awards

25 Years:

Don Riddle **Ken Poynor**
Jerry Harris **Ken Lenoir**
John Snapp

40 Years:

Kirby Leeson **Van Boozer**
Glyn Hammons

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE'S CELEBRATION BANQUET, September 30



This was a great Celebration to conclude a great year of Doing Something for others. The food was terrific and the fellowship fantastic. **Charles Kirkpatrick** provided a special slide presentation highlighting Kiwanians Doing Something

during the 2008-2009 Kiwanis year. Wow! It was super to reflect on the activities that took place and to realize the efforts of so many of you, the members of the greatest Kiwanis club in the Universe!

Our hearts were blessed as Russell's son, Jeff Berry, sang *Do Something, If I can Help Somebody and When I Speak Your Name.*



Russell concluded the evening by highlighting a few of the accomplishments for the year. Special acknowledgement was given to the officers and board members. Highlights included our first ramp project completion, new route for Meals on Wheels, 112 interclubs, See by Three program's impact, Serve our Schools ongoing reading program at Reagan Elementary, and club new mem-

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Faces of Kiwanis



Lou Briley, Margaret Hoogstra, and Marty Anderson decorated the tables.



\$618.12 awarded to Boys and Girls Club, Harmony Family Services, and Big Brothers-Big Sisters from our cup money.



Clay and Tara Copeland enjoy the 2009 Celebration Banquet.

Show Me the Money

Highlights of the 2009 Celebration Banquet included a few donations by the Club.



Linda Egle accepted a check for \$2500 to Eternal Threads

for the benefit of the Napal Literacy and Training Program from International Committee Chair **Gordon Dowell.**

Russell Berry presented \$2500 to Nadine Smith, Director of Camp Courage and



\$5000 to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation for the Hendrick Project.

Russell also presented checks in the amount of \$618.12 each from Weekly Cup Money to the Boys and Girls Club, Harmony Family Services and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Bailey Choate Award

Van Boozer presented the Bailey Choate Award to **Governor Nancy Miller.** Nancy joined the Kiwanis Club of Abilene 9/16/87, as the first female member. She served as the first woman President of the club in 1993-1994, and served in 1996-1997 as Lt. Governor. In 1994 she served as

co-chair for the District Convention in Abilene, and was named Kiwanian of the Year in 97-98. Nancy served as Governor of the Tx/Ok District in 01-02, and again this year. She has been awarded the Tablet of Honor and is a Hixson Recipient. Thank you Nancy, for leading by example!



Spiritual Aims Message...by Randy Williams

Mark Young approached me recently and asked if I would agree to chair the Spiritual Aims Committee. My first reaction was to draw back as I began to contemplate my worthiness and preparedness of such responsibility. Yes, I had questions about time commitment and duties but I did find it interesting that my first, initial response was to question the “me” of the issue.

Funny how we all do this despite our deep abiding walk with the Lord in our daily lives. What’s the big deal. I talk to God all the time. If He has raised me up to this task then He will speak through me by the power and wisdom of His Spirit. Perhaps the first word I would share with you would be best spoken through the book of I Samuel 3:9:

Our heart attitude should always be: *“Speak Lord, your servant is listening.”*

Throughout the Bible we read examples of those who heard the voice of the Lord and through their obedience they were blessed. This week may you hear the voice of God, obey, and be blessed.

New Members and Prayer Requests

NEWEST MEMBERS

Guy Lucas—9/23/09
 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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for **Clarence Presswood**. Pray for **Jerry Harris** diagnosed with early stages of Parkinson Disease. Pray for **J.C. McCurdy’s** wife, Arlene. Pray for **Earlene and Billy Clay**. Pray for **Bud Coke** during his time of loss.

Kiwanis Birthday List

Bobbie Wolfe—10/13



Interclubs

Key City Club
Monday, September 28

Gordon Dowell, Keith Garner, Jeff Goodin, Kirk Hancock, Bill Hoogstra, Pam McGrew, Nancy Miller, and David Vela

This brings our total interclubs to 112 for the 2008-2009 Kiwanis year, with 106 individuals participating.

Aktion Club

Aktion Club—October 13

The Aktion Club meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Oakwood Trails Lodge on the State School campus. **Committee Chair John Thomas** will be out of town that evening; therefore, volunteers for this meeting would be greatly appreciated.



Jamie Breed, Vice President and Program Chair

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2008-2010 OFFICERS

Mark Young—President
Lora Lynn Christensen—President-Elect
Jamie Breed—Vice President
Charles Kirkpatrick—Vice President
Randy Williams—Vice President
Russell Berry—Immediate Past President
Ricki Brown—Treasurer/Foundation Treasurer
Faye Dodson—Secretary
Henry McGinty—Assistant Secretary

2009-2010 DIRECTORS

Two Year:

Rob Allen, Marty Anderson, Clay Copeland, Dick Kincaid, Don Paige

One Year:

Mark Hoover, Kelly Jones, Ty Purcell, Mac Sipe, Shirley Velasco

Kiwanian of the Year

Carl Lockett, Kiwanian of the Year for 07-08, announced **David Jones**, who could not attend the banquet, as the 08-09 Kiwanian of the Year. Congratulations David and thank you for the work you do.

Vice Presidents **Jamie Breed**, **Randy Williams** and **Charles Kirkpatrick** made a special presentation to Russell to express appreciation for his leadership this year.



David Jones, Kiwanian of the Year



Immediate Past President Russell Berry