

K *The Kiwanis Club of Abilene* KIWANIGRAM



WALMART GIFT IDEAS

Abilene Country Club, Noon, December 2

Kimberley Cole arranged our meeting with WalMart represen-

tatives. Walmart representatives have met with us for a few years

now. Bring a guest for one of our most anticipated meetings.



See What's Hot
This Holiday

Get timely shopping tips,
tasty recipes and festive ideas.

TEXAS AUTO THEFT, Bob Martin November 25



Bob Martin

Dub Pritchett introduced Bob Martin as our speaker today. Bob presented a very informative program on Auto Theft in the United States.

We certainly learned some very interesting facts and were reminded of precautions we should practice.

Did you know thieves tend to steal four or five year old cars most often? That is because they can sell the parts more quickly. In 2006, more than 95,000 automobiles were stolen. Of that number approximately 73% were recovered; however, they were generally in terrible condition when found.

No surprise to those present, was the fact that the top stolen vehicle in Texas was, and is, GMC pickups. Bob stated that most often cars stolen are unlocked and 30-50% of the time keys are left in the ignition!

He provided brochures to those present. To learn more check out www.txwatchyourcar.com

Jamie thanked Bob for the great information today and stated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation for scholarships in his honor.

Today's meeting was led by **Jamie Breed**. The prayer was led by **Brice West**. **Randy Williams** led the music with **Millie Braddy** accompanying on piano. **Pam McGrew** led the Pledge and **Lora Lynn Christensen** introduced our guests.

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Upcoming:

Division 35 Council Meeting will be held at the Cotton Patch, December 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Committee News can be included in the Kiwanigram. Contact John Thomas at john@cgspace.com.

Nancy Miller announced the "Know your Kiwanian" project coordinated by the membership committee. Information forms were made available to all who were present. We would like for all members to complete a form and submit a childhood photo. Kiwanians will be featured in the Kiwanigram each week in an effort to help us "get to know one another better".

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Faces of Kiwanis



Faces of Kiwanis: Dub Pritchard introducing the program. Randy Williams singing happy birthday to Jud Powell, who was not there. New Member Will Smith getting one of his ribbons removed V.P. Jamie Breed subbing for President Mark. Van Boozer, Margaret and Grady Jolly.

Presidential Address

December is upon us, the time of the year when we feel a little more goodwill and generosity to those around us, especially to those less fortunate.

In my October challenge to the Club, I challenged all to participate and work together in 4 Club projects, one project per season. Our Fall projects were our Ramp Building project and a Christmas project for a few underprivileged children

from Woodson and Locust Early Headstart programs. Cassie Santiago has been working with Young Children Priority One Committee and we are ready to start and complete this project.

Our Winter Project will be the Basketball Shootout benefiting CMN, during the 1st week of February. David Jones has headed up this project for years and it keeps getting bigger! It has grown to the point that

we need someone to step up and help David— we need a Change Bandit coordinator. I would encourage you to call David and find out all of the particulars. Think about it, pray about it, and then act on it.

Remember our goal is for 100% participation in each quarterly project. If you didn't get to work on the ramp, please help Cassie in making Christmas a special time for the children. Happy holidays everyone!

Reports

Upcoming Programs
December 09 - Spiritual Aims Program - Christmas Music
December 16 - Chris Thompson, ACU Head Football Coach
December 23 - NO MEETING
December 30 - NO MEETING

Hendrick Children's Hospital Wing	
Goal	\$50,000.00
Pledged to Date:	\$19,200.00
Collected to Date:	\$27,324.30
Needed to Reach Goal:	\$22,675.70

	CUP MONEY
	\$30.18
BRAG BASKET	
\$4.00	

Spiritual Aims Message...by Randy Williams

I grew up attending a small Church of Christ in California. Olen Garrett was a quiet man who attended regularly with his family every Sunday (morning & night) and Wednesday evenings, Olen was there handing out bulletins, passing the Lord's Supper, and cleaning up around the building. He was one of those guys who were never in leadership but always around doing something.

At the age of 21 years, I was sitting in a Bible Class on a Wednesday night when they announced that Olen had died from a heart attack. I barely knew the man, if you know what mean, but I began to cry. It felt

weird. For me, Olen Garrett had been a constant fixture at church, a silent servant, faithful to the end. My emotional response was that somehow Church would never be quite the same without him.

Today, it is often difficult to find people who are faithful. People we can count on to do what they say; when they say they will be there, they follow through. My kids would tell you that the character of "faithfulness" is something I have drilled into them and do my best to emulate.

The Bible says to be faithful in stewardship (I Cor. 4:1-2), in service (Eph. 6:21), in marriage (I Tim. 5:9),

in witness (Rev. 2:15), in prayer (Rom. 12:12), and in ministry, following God, in instruction, in truth, in times of persecution, and unto death.

How do we really live our lives as it relates to the Fruit of the Spirit called "Faithfulness?" When our time on earth has come to an end, will a young man, young woman, or anyone shed a tear because our faithfulness has impacted their lives?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for Linda Dent, Gordon Dowell, Pam Stewart, and our military men and women overseas.

Guests & Requests

GUESTS—11/25/09

Carey & Korrey Paige
Guests of Don Paige

NEWEST MEMBERS

David Batson—10/21/09

Twyla Young—10/7/09

Will Smith—10/7/09

Guy Lucas—9/23/09

Pam McGrew—9/2/09

Ron Colwell—9/2/09

PLEASE HELP!

If you have a childhood photo which we could use with our new "Know Your Kiwanian" promotion, put it in an envelope with your name on the envelope and on the back of the photo and give it to Charles Kirkpatrick. The photo will be scanned and returned to you at the next meeting.

Charles Kirkpatrick

Christmas Gift Suggestions:

- To your enemy, forgiveness.
- To an opponent, tolerance.
- To a friend, your heart.
- To a customer, service.
- To all, charity.
- To every child, a good example.
- To yourself, respect.

Oren Arnold

Who's Who in Kiwanis and More

RAMP BUILDING

Chair Pete Oldham, Bill Hoogstra, Kelly Jones, Ricki Brown, Dennis Laster, and Charles Kirkpatrick.

Our first ramp project of the year was completed last month. Team members, Bill, Dennis, Jerry and Ricki are shown here with the homeowners.



Will Smith attended the board meeting on November 19th! Will is working to get those ribbons removed. Great Job!

Please remember to honor your Hendrick Pledge.



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Aktion Club in Action!



NAME THIS KIWANIAN!

1. I was born in Las Cruces, NM, but grew up in the Panama Canal Zone.
2. I am a graduate of Las Cruces High School and Hardin Simmons University and am retired from the U.S. Army where I was a Helicopter pilot in Viet Nam.
3. My wife, Marilyn and I have three children and six grandchildren.
4. I have been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene for 28 years and am a past president.
5. When I was two years old, I could speak better Spanish than English.

Last week's Kiwanian: Russell Berry