

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene KIWANIGRAM



ACU FOOTBALL, Head Coach Chris Thomsen Abilene Country Club, Noon, December 16

Chris Thomsen, a former ACU All-American tight end and Wildcat assistant coach, was hired 1/24/05, as the 18th head coach in Wildcat football history.

Thomsen is in his 5th season as the Wildcats' head coach, and to say it's been a successful four-year run would be a mild understatement. From a 4-6 debut season in 2005, Thomsen has led the

Wildcats to a combined 29 -7 record in the last three seasons with three straight trips to the NCAA Division II national playoffs.

Thomsen was voted the LSC South Division Coach of the Year for the 3rd straight season and for the 2nd time in the last three seasons he was voted the American Football Coaches' Association Re-

gion IV Coach of the Year.

Thomsen played for former ACU head coach Dr. Bob Strader in 1993, and coached under both Strader and Jack Kiser.

Thomsen and his wife, LeAnn, have been married 15 years. She is the head volleyball coach at Abilene Wylie High School.

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Upcoming:

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

Regular Board Meeting will be Thursday, December 17th at Bogie's at noon.

Division 35 Governor's Visit/Banquet, Monday, February 15th.

Breckenridge Interclub is scheduled for Thursday noon, December 17th.

Check out our website:

www.abilenekiwanis.org

SPIRITUAL AIMS MEETING WITH CHRISTMAS MUSIC

December 9



Randy Williams introduced today's program and, as described in the December 9th Kiwanigram, each group presented Christmas Music.

David Jones, Shane Flutsch and Alex Martinez did an outstanding job on the three pieces they brought to the group. Especially wonderful was "Let There Be Peace on Earth" whereby Alex Martinez, daughter of **Carmen Martinez**, played the violin solo.



David Jones, Alex Martinez, and Shane Flutsch presented beautiful music.

Don Scargall blessed our hearts with "All is Well", the song was beautiful and the words were meaningful today.

Randy Williams was great as he sang "Mary Did You Know".

Robin Roberts joined **Faye Dodson** and **Jamie Breed** singing "Holiday Sleigh Ride". Thank you Robin, for blending voices with Faye and Jamie on this fun song.



Robin Roberts, Jamie Breed and Faye Dodson singing.

A huge thank you goes out to **Lora Lynn Christensen** who accompanied the ladies trio and played for us as the audience participated in a sing-a-long led by **Randy Williams**.

Today's meeting was led by **Mark Young**. The prayer was led by **Earl Williams**. **Randy Williams** led the music with **Millie Braddy** accompanying on piano. **John Snapp** introduced our guests.

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Faces of Kiwanis



Faces of Kiwanis: Don Scargall sang "All Is Well." Keith Garner introduced the Mystery Kiwanian of the Week. Is that Santa? No, just one of his elves, Don Riddle. David Jones' wife Britt came to hear him sing. Curtis and Laretta Blackburn celebrating his birthday.

Business Notes

WINTER PROJECT

Cassie Santiago introduced opportunity to provide Christmas Gifts to children this year. She placed 32 ornaments on the Christmas tree listing items these children need for Christmas. If you selected an ornament, please bring the wrapped gift with the ornament attached to our next meeting. Call Cassie if you are unable to attend the meeting next week and need to arrange for pick up of the gift.

KNOW YOUR KIWANIAN

"Know your Kiwanian" project coordinated by the membership committee needs your help. If you have not completed the Know your Kiwanian form, please do so and turn them in to the check in desk. Also remember to send a picture of yourself which will be used in the Kiwanigram. Help us get to know you.



PRESENTATION

Mark Young presented a bound book of Kiwanigrams for 2008-2009 to Past President **Russell Berry**.

Reports



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

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

Spiritual Aims Message...by Randy Williams



Recently at a luncheon at the Lawn Baptist Church, I was standing there talking to people and barely noticed a man on crutches with a plate of food trying to make his way to a table.

Quickly, Commissioner Dwayne Tucker jumped to his feet and went to the man taking his plate to the table for him.

It immediately hit me, why was I not perceptive to this need of service? How often do we let opportunity just pass us by, when we could help others with a simple gesture. As I have said before, if we are going to "Change the World one Child at a time," we must live lives that demonstrate our love of God through service to others.

Romans 12:1 says, "In view of God's mercy, offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship." As we serve, we worship God and proclaim His greatness to the world.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for all our members who were unable to attend. Pray for our soldiers overseas. Pray for our country's leaders. Pray especially for Roy Dent in the loss of his precious wife Linda. Services for Linda were held on December 8th.



Guests

GUESTS, 12/9/09

Shane Flutsch and Alex Martinez, Guests of the Club

Laretta Blackburn, Guest of **Curtis Blackburn**

Larry Williams, Guest of **Carmen Martinez**

Britt Jones, Guest of **David Jones**

Quanah Parker, Gary Jay, Bobbi Bieberly and David Watkins, Guests of Greater Abilene



Robin Roberts, Guest of **Faye Dodson** (Here with Jamie Breed)

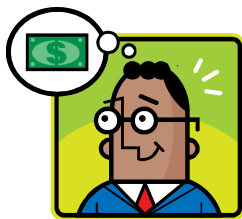


Laura Maberry, guest of **Cassie Santiago**

Who's Who in Kiwanis and More

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair Ken Poyner, Ricki Brown, Henry McGinty, Kimberley Cole, Bobbie Wolfe, Kirby Leeson, Ronald Colwell.



Kiwanis Birthday List

12/23 Glyn Hammons

12/23 Russell Leavenworth



CUP MONEY

\$45.86

BRAG BASKET

\$6.00



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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

Shorts



GOVERNOR'S BANQUET

The Division 35 Governor's Visit / Banquet will be held Monday, February 15th, around 6:30 p.m. in Abilene.

We need a great attendance to greet the new Governor of the T/O District - Governor Bill Bishop.

Gordon Dowell would like to have representatives from each Division

35 Club attend the banquet. Please begin planning now to attend. More details to follow.

KIWANIS EDUCATION

Plan now to attend the 95th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas June 24-27.

Former U. S. Secretary of State Colin Powell will be the Opening Session speaker.

Jay Leno has been booked for entertainment later in the convention. Remember, what happens in Vegas doesn't have to stay in Vegas. Bring it all back home to our club. Make your plans today.

Early registration will save you \$.
www.KiwanisOne.org/convention



NAME THIS KIWANIAN!

1. I was born in Amarillo, grew up in Granbury, and moved to Abilene from Killeen 2 years ago.
2. I am the mother of 3 children.
3. My occupation is Commercial Real Estate and Property Management.
4. I have been a Kiwanian and a member of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene for 10 months.

Last week's Kiwanian: Gordon Dowell