

K *The Kiwanis Club of Abilene* KIWANIGRAM



NO MEETINGS DECEMBER 23rd NOR DECEMBER 30th

We will not have our regular weekly meetings Wednesday, December 23 nor December 30, due to the Holidays.

Please mark your calendars for the return of our weekly meetings on Wednesday, January 6th!

Have a wonderful Holiday season!



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Upcoming:

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

ACU FOOTBALL, Head Coach Chris Thomsen December 16



*Chris Thomsen,
Head Football Coach at ACU*

Guinn Smith introduced the speaker, Chris Thomsen. Chris is the head football coach at ACU and a former ACU All-American and Wildcat assistant coach.

Chris was an outstanding athlete in Vernon High School, where Guinn became a mentor to him.

Coach Thomsen said ACU is the only team in the Lone Star Conference to average 50 points in a game.

He recognized his two guests, his assistant coach and sports information director, and gave credit to his staff for the team's accomplishments.

He compared the Kiwanis mission to his mission for his players. He wants to help them develop and set and meet goals for their life.

Coach Thomsen grew up without a strong father figure or strong male role model in his life and acknowledged that many of his players also come from this type background.

One of his primary goals is to "teach the players what it means to be a man" in three areas: physical – playing football; academic – he wants them to graduate; and spiritual – knowing and understanding who they are.

He said the players have one of three types of dads: the absent father; a dad who was there but didn't invest a lot in his son; or

one who was very engaged with his son.

He also talks to them about "false manhood" having their identity tied up in the wrong areas. He tells them that a "real man's" identity is in building relationships with those around him, related to team-work, and in leading courageously and living with the end in mind. He believes in "taking care of the hearts and minds of the people we coach."

Today's meeting was led by **Mark Young**. The prayer was led by **Van Boozer**. **Nancy Miller** led the music with **Millie Braddy** accompanying on piano. **James Cassle** led the pledge and **Lew Lewis** introduced our guests.



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Faces of Kiwanis



Faces of Kiwanis: **Guinn Smith** introduced the program. **Lew Lewis** introduced the guests. **Cassie Santiago** was the Chairman for our Young Children Priority One Winter Project. Ken Collums, Offensive Coordinator at ACU and Lance Flemming, Sports Information Director at ACU were visiting this week.

Club Business



CLUB DONATIONS
Jerry Harris, Chairman of the Boys and Girls Committee, presented

\$500 to Jamie Breed for Harmony Family Services. He also presented a check for \$500 to Hendrick Home for Children. Terry Calhoun accepted the check.

RECOGNITION

President **Mark Young** presented a Dream Catcher pin to **Carl Lockett** and



Jerry Harris for new members recruited this year.

David Batson had a ribbon removed for participating in a Meals on Wheels route.

INTERCLUB

Interclub tomorrow in Breckenridge. **Van Boozer** needs to meet with those going to Breckenridge.

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 my family celebrated Thanksgiving together. I looked around the table and then leaned over to my wife and said, "Honey, just look around this table." My In-laws, brother-in-law, children, and grandchild were all present. We are indeed blessed parents to have all our children living here in Abilene.

I was reminded of story about King Midas. The god Dionysus grants him one wish for having done a good deed. Out of greed and without thinking, King Midas says he wants everything he touches to turn to gold. Soon he is thin and distraught because his food, clothing, gardens, and even his most beloved daughter, all turn to gold.

King Midas begs Dionysus to reverse his wish and it is granted. You see, when

our lives are boiled down, we find that it is our relationships with one another that are most important.

Jesus sought to convert disciples by establishing relationship. In fact, according to the gospels, he was accused of keeping company with tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. He understood the importance of relationship.

One of these days we are all going to find ourselves facing our end on this earth. Will it be that nice car or house that you have dedicated so much of your time and resources to that you will think about? No, you will quickly realize that it is relationships that have an eternal value. Every one of us will want that last word to our loved ones, that last touch, that last look into their faces.

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Remember the lesson of King Midas. Sow yourselves into the lives of those around you. Even in his final moments on earth, Jesus was encouraging his disciples to "love one another as I have loved you" (John 15: 9-17). And yet, we let so many petty things come between us and those we love. If we are going to truly "Change the World, One Child at a Time", we must grasp the significance of relationship.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for all our members who were unable to attend.

Guests

GUESTS, 12/16/09

- Lance Flemming and Ken Collums, Guests of Guinn Smith
- Chris Thomsen, Club Guest
- Andy Andress (Past President, Gardena, California), Guest of Bud Coke
- Terry Calhoun (Hendrick Home for Children), Club Guest
- Bobbi Bieberly, Greater Abilene Club Guest



Kirk Hancock brought his father, Omer Hancock, as his guest.



Wyester Johnson-Sincere (Aktion Club) was Bill Hoogstra's guest.

Who's Who in Kiwanis and More

GUMBALL COMMITTEE

Chair Earl Williams, Mike Casey



Kiwanis Birthday List

- 12/23 Glyn Hammons
- 12/23 Russell Leavenworth
- 12/26 Bud Coke
- 12/28 David Vela
- 12/31 Kenny Smith



CUP MONEY
\$36.76

BRAG BASKET
\$32.00



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Charles Kirkpatrick—Vice President
Randy Williams—Vice President
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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

Shorts

GOODBYE NOTICE

Stan Higgins will be leaving in the spring.

COMMITTEE CALLS

Royce Manning needs to meet with the Ag Committee.

Jerry Harris needs a Boys and Girls Committee meeting.



THANKS!

Dear Kiwanis Club of Abilene,

On behalf of the clients, staff and Board of Directors here at Abilene Adult Day Care, I want to thank you for your recent generous gift of \$250.

Since 1975, we have been helping families in the Abilene community stay together. Because of your generosity, our elderly and challenged neighbors can continue to function as independently as their disabilities will allow and remain at home with their families as long as possible.

You are making a real difference. Blessings to you.

Sincerely yours,

*Lisa Cornwell Smith, RN
Executive Director*

INVITATION

Our Club received an invitation today to attend the 70th Wedding Anniversary Celebration for **J.C. and Arlyene McCurdy** on Sunday December 27th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

It is a come and go reception at University Place, 1250 East North 10th.

Please come and share in this exciting anniversary.

LAST WEEK'S KIWANIAN:

Cassie Santiago