

# K *The Kiwanis Club of Abilene* KIWANIGRAM



## JOSEPH THOMAS FOUNDATION, John Thomas Abilene Country Club, Noon, January 20

Our own **John Thomas**, co-founder and President of the Joseph Thomas Foundation, will be presenting our program.

After John's son passed away in 2007, he and his family started the foundation in his honor.

Joseph was a medically fragile child, in and out of the hospital all his life.

John and his family know intimately the emotional, physical and spiritual struggles the families of medically fragile children go through on a daily basis. Through the foundation they are helping meet the needs of other medically fragile children and their families in our community.

Within six months of Joseph's passing, the family started a non-profit foundation and kicked off with an annual fund-raiser unlike any other.

Come hear how one family worked through their grief to make a difference in the lives of the children of our community.

## POET & VETERINARIAN, Dr. Jim Wilson January 13



*Jim Wilson presented the program.*

**Ricki Brown** introduced the program today. Jim Wilson presented a delightful program, taking time to answer "veterinary questions" prior to sharing several poems from his collection of more than 500. Titles of those poems presented were "Crawling Out From

*Under Slightly Cloudy Skies*", "Workers Compensation", "Man's Second Best Friend" and "Earth Angel". He described "Earth Angel" as probably the best poem he had ever written. This insightful piece included phrases that represented communication with God and challenged the listener to be involved.

*"Jim you are my eyes,  
Through you my work can show,  
If you won't help,  
That means I can't!"*

Jim's books are available at Mobile Veterinary Clinic, Hastings Book Store, and Texas Star Trading.

Jim will present a 2 hour writing program on Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at the

Abilene Public Library-Downtown at 6:30 pm.

**Mark Young** thanked Jim coming and stated that we would contribute to the Kiwanis Foundation for scholarships in his honor.

**Russell Berry** introduced Today's meeting was led by **Mark Young**. The prayer was led by **James Shields**. **Alan Eggleston** led the music with **Millie Braddy** accompanying on piano. **Nancy Miller** led the pledge and **Van Boozler** introduced our guests.



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### Upcoming:

**Board Meeting** — Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 12:00 noon, at Bogies Downtown

**Breckenridge Charter Night**— Saturday, January 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

**Pep Rally** for upcoming Shootout, January 23rd

**Mid-Winter Conference**— Saturday, February 13th in Irving, Texas

**Division 35 Governor's Visit/ Banquet** — Monday, February 15th at the MCM Elegante

**Greater Abilene's Annual Chili Day**—Saturday, February 27th

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## Faces of Kiwanis



**Faces of Kiwanis:** Carl Lockett enjoys his meal. Marty Anderson smiles for the camera. Ricki Brown introduced the program. David Bacon raises his voice in song. Jim Berry, Jerry Carter and Jarrell Young enjoy the program.

## Club Business

### SHOOTOUT:

Our Annual Shootout benefiting CMN will be on Monday, Feb 1<sup>st</sup> at Hardin Simmons University. Contact David Jones to help. Advertising spots are available for the program. Pep Rally will be January 23<sup>rd</sup>!

### Breckenridge Charter Night:

Make plans to attend on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm

### Mid Winter Conference:

Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup>—Irving TX (sign up sheet available at next meeting)

### Division Council Meeting:

Monday February 15<sup>th</sup> at the MCM Elegante at 6:00 PM

### Governors Banquet:

Monday February 15<sup>th</sup> at the MCM Elegante at 7:00 PM

### Annual Chili Day:

Bobbie Bieberly from the Greater Abilene Club announced **Annual Chili Day**, Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

### Pancake Day:

Mark your calendars now! Pancake Day will be Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Reports

### 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

### Hendrick Children's Hospital Wing

Goal	\$50,000.00
Pledged to Date:	\$19,200.00
Collected to Date:	\$27,708.05
Needed to Reach Goal:	\$22,291.95

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January 27—Basketball Shoot-out Pep Rally, David Jones  
February 3—Lt. Governor Gordon Dowell  
February 10—Police Chief Stan Standridge

## Spiritual Aims Message...by Randy Williams

I was watching a TV movie last night starring Leigh Ann Rhymes and a line, spoken by her grandmother, struck truth. She said, *"When you're feeling far away from God, who do you think moved?"*

When I took my "Walk to Emmaus," we talked about God's "Prevenient" Love. No matter what we do he loves us and is always there desiring relationship. We are the ones who move in and out of relationship with The Father. The problem is that this need to fulfill self is innate and often confounds most of our relationships. We are living in a time when we

desperately need relationship with The Father more than ever before.

I am learning the value of, and suggest you consider, contemplative prayer. You know, dishes are always easier to clean when you first let them soak. So, just sit and soak in His presence.

I will end this with words from one of my favorite songs: *"Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face. And the things of life will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace."*

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for all our members who were unable to attend. Pray for **Price Brock** who was to be released from the hospital. Pray for Elaine Shields who is scheduled for surgery. Pray for Haitian families as they deal with devastation as a result of the earthquake this week. Pray for people in pain and those who care for them. Pray for those serving in the military to protect our freedom and pray for our military leaders. Pray for the leaders of our country and of the world.

## Guests

### GUESTS, 1/13/10

Wyester Sincere (Aktion Club), guest of **Bill Hoogstra**

Lorne Sutherland, Greater Abilene

Bobbie Bieberly, Greater Abilene

George Woodfin, Greater Abilene



**Leonard Brock** brought his daughter Terry Groban as his guest.



Members **Don Scargall, James Shields,** and **George Knight** enjoying food and fellowship.

## Who's Who in Kiwanis and More

### GREETERS

**Chair Marty Anderson,** Van Booser, Clarence Presswood, Gordon Dowell, Grady Jolly, Keith Garner, Carmen Martinez, Jeff Goodin, and Russell Berry.

### *Kiwanis Birthday List*

1/15 Gary Bomar

1/16 Nancy Miller

1/17 Kristen Carnohan

1/20 Jim Miller

1/20 Cassie Santiago



### CUP MONEY

\$41.12

### BRAG BASKET

\$10.00



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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

## Shorts

### INTERCLUBS:

Division 35 Council Meeting  
Thursday, December 10, 2009

Marty Anderson	Jamie Breed
Chris Carnohan	Kristen Carnohan
Faye Dodson	Gordon Dowell
Keith Garner	Charles Kirkpatrick
Bill Hoogstra	Nancy Miller
Doug Williamson	Bobbie Wolfe
Mark Young	

### Upcoming:

TEXAS/OKLAHOMA DISTRICT  
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE  
February 12-13, 2010

### Braggs

**Don Riddle** bragged on **Lora Lynn Christensen** for repairing the Kiwanis Banner.

### Know Your Kiwanian

**Nancy Miller** presented an update on the **Know Your Kiwanian** project. Forms are available. Approximately 50 members have completed a form. Help us get to know you. Forms will be available at the sign in table or contact Dub Pritchett. Pictures are also needed for this project.

### Thank You

**Cassie Santiago** thanked everyone for participating in the Christmas project which benefited numerous children.

### NAME THIS KIWANIAN!

1. I was born in Abilene but grew up in Temple and moved from Houston to Abilene 26 years ago.
2. I graduated from Temple High School, Baylor University, and received my professional training at South Texas College.
3. I have been a Kiwanian and a member of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene for 20 years and have held the position of board member.
4. I am an Eagle Scout.

Last Week's Kiwanian: David Jones