

K *The Kiwanis Club of Abilene* KIWANIGRAM



THE CHRISTMAS STORE, Becky Almanza Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010

Becky Almanza will present next week's program on The Christmas Store, a unique shopping experience for struggling individuals and families in Abilene.

The Christmas Store is an outreach of Christian Ministries of Abilene and Highland Church of Christ.

Becky is administrative assistant to the Community Minister at Highland Church of Christ, her husband Joe Almanza. The couple are the parents to three children, a 24-year-old daughter who is a missionary in Mexico, a 20-year-old son, and a 3-year-old adopted son.

Customers of the The Christmas Store earn the privilege to shop there by taking steps to improve their current situation, thus preserving their dignity by providing them an opportunity to



provide for and shop for their own children.

Our Kiwanis Community Service committee recently provided financial support to this ministry. Come learn how our dollars are impacting children and families in our community.

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Mark Your Calendar

December 3
Governor's Banquet & Division 35 Council meeting at Southern Hills Church of Christ Fellowship Hall
6 p.m.

December 4
Texas-Oklahoma District Step-Up Program at 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood
10 a.m.

August 25-29
Texas-Oklahoma District Convention at Sea Galveston to Cozumel

PRESIDENTIAL PAUSE

from Lora Lynn Christensen

What a blessing our Aktion Club is for our community.

The members painted barrels and collected items for Mission Thanksgiving.

Bill Hoogstra reports that they delivered 8 barrels of donations last Friday.

If you want to be truly blessed, attend one of their meetings. The true Kiwanis spirit of helping community is infectious.

Please see additional pictures of our Aktion Club in action on our Shutterfly page.

Historic Moment

In 1951:

- The club bought a jersey cow for

the Boys Ranch (herd of 25)

- The Spiritual Aims Committee urged all Kiwanians to participate in World Day of Prayer
- Lee Johnson suggested the club look into holding a pancake supper
- Bert Chapman was selected as chair. It took place at McMurry dining Hall Tuesday night, April 10, revived after 10 year dormant period
- Dr. Grady Jolly's team sold 533 tickets first week
- The supper netted a profit of \$,2500
- 5 members flew to Jacksonville for interclub
- Inter-club meetings were held with Snyder, Coleman, San Angelo, Austin, continued on page 4

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FACES OF KIWANIS



Brent & Stephen Gentzel



Mark & Twyla Young and their family.



Mark Hoover, Mark Young and Russell Berry.



Margaret and Dr. Grady Jolly.



The Aktion Club delivered 8 nearly full barrels of donations to Mission Thanksgiving.



KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE Weekly Meeting 11/24/10

Led Meeting	Mark Hoover
Prayer	Grady Jolly
Music	Mark Young
Piano	Tim Adcock
Pledge	Royce Manning
Guests	Mac Sipe

Guests

Guest	Guest of Member
Brent Gentzel.....	Don Scargall
Stephen Gentzel.....	Don Scargall
Kacey Young.....	Mark & Twyla Young
Suzie Marshall.....	Mark & Twyla Young
Delores Poynor.....	Ken Poynor

The program

Russell Berry introduced Jean McMillon from Abilene Education Foundation as the speaker today. Jean brought Christine Curtis-Carr, counselor at Abilene High School and Will Medina, counselor at Cooper High with her. Jean and each counselor spoke briefly, touching on the success of the Abilene Education Foundation. They also presented an informative video presentation. It was certainly interesting to hear of the success of this organization over the past ten

years and to learn of the helpful tools available to students and educators.



Christine Curtis-Carr, Will Medina and Jean McMillon of the Abilene Education Foundation

Prayers

Prayer: Pray for H.B. Terry who is at Wisteria Place for rehab Remember Bill and Ginger Zavatson and health issues for them

Remember Leonard Brock who is the Oaks at Radford Hills, room 40 and would enjoy visitors or phone calls. His phone number is 670-9490.

Pray for those who have lost loved ones recently. John Thomas whose wife Erin, passed away November 9th.

Others: Dale Morrison, Rocky Coke, nephew of Bud Coke and Keith Garner's sister.

Praise our Lord for answered prayer and the many blessings He pours out on us daily.



REMEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS THIS FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Texas-Oklahoma Governor Sam Curry will make his official visit to Division 36 this Friday.

And the next day, he will conduct a special Step Up Check Up Clinic at the 4-H Center at Lake Brownood.

The Governor's Banquet for our division is Friday, Dec. 3rd at Southern Hills Church of Christ, 3666 Buffalo Gap Road.

It begins with a Division Council meeting at 6 p.m.

At 7 p.m., the banquet begins in the church's Fellowship Hall.

Here is how Gov. Curry explains the purpose of the workshop:

"With extensive travels within the District, it became clear to me that far too many of our clubs and

members are missing valuable portions of the Kiwanis experience. Some have the potential to step up to further leadership, but not finding the encouragement and resource to make this step. That is the goal of the 10 one-day Step Up Check Up Clinics to be sponsored across the T-O District. With the local assistance of Lt. Governors, these events will feature videos that show the Kiwanis experience from International to local club level activity. In fun and enthusiastic format, the hope is to bring Kiwanis closer to home for many clubs and members, especially to new and re-newable members."

The clinic begins at 10 a.m.

Announcements:

Project Christmas Stocking

The Santa Claus spirit is alive and well: gifts given and received for the pure pleasure of giving and receiving. Again this year our club will purchase Christmas gifts for needy families whose children attend Locust and/or Woodson Early Childhood Centers. Specific gift item information will be available December 1. Members will have two weeks to do their shopping and return the items at the December 15 meeting. cause.

A fun Interclub trip

We need two more people for a trip to Georgetown on December 18 to meet Kiwanis International President Sylvester Neal of Auburn, Washington.

Can you help?

Salvation Army is requesting Kiwanians to volunteer to ring the bells at the Salvation Army Kettles during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. Call 677-1408; ask for Major Parrish or J. D. Alonzo. At one time Kiwanians were a main source of volunteers for this worthy cause.

Attendance

Attendance at weekly meetings is so important. Our club is averaging about 10 less each week than this time a year go. Commit yourself to regular attendance and check on those who are missing from week to week.

Thanks, Charles & David

Charles Kirkpatrick is our weekly photographer and website guru. Last week, Charles was gone and David Jones filled in admirably. Thanks to both Charles and David.

Capping things off

The Health Department has informed us that hat or cap will be required by all pancake flippers at the Pancake Day in 2011. You might as well buy an Abilene Kiwanis Club Hat for \$6.50 and have it ready. Wear it between now and then as great exposure for our club.

Bill needs some help

Bill Zavatson needs assistance tracking Perfect Attendance. If you are interested in taking this on contact Bill, Lora Lynn Christensen or Faye Dodson.

Membership emphasis

Membership emphasis for December: Bring a family member. We love our Kiwanian families.

Mark your calendar

December 3

Division Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m., prior to Governor's Banquet, Southern Hills Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

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Governor's Banquet: Southern Hills Church of Christ Fellowship Hall (Sign up sheet at 11/17 meeting) Cost \$15.00

December 4

Step-up Program, Brownwood, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm -Cost \$10.00

February 12, 2011

Tx Ok Mid Winter Conference, Irving

February 26, 2011

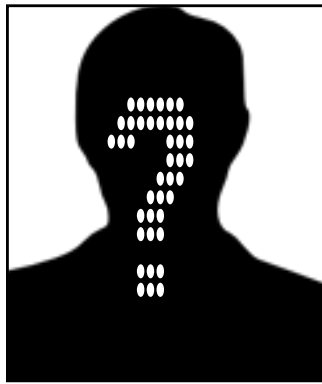
90th Anniversary Celebration. Governor Sam Curry will be here.

July 7-10, 2011

96th Annual Kiwanis International Convention, Geneva Switzerland

Can you name this Kiwanian?

1. I was born in Rule, Texas.
2. I grew up in Abilene, Texas.
3. I moved to Abilene from Haskell, Texas.
4. I have lived in Abilene for 78 years.
5. Schools attended included Abilene High School, Hardin-Simmons University
6. I retired from Cassle & Cassle.
7. I have been a member of Kiwanis for 56 years, all in the Kiwanis Club of Abilene.



Last week's Kiwanian was James Hallmark

Hendrick Pledge

Goal\$50,000.00
 Received to Date\$38,239.81
 + Money (11/24/10)\$380.20
 Balance Needed\$11,379.99
 Keep in mind our goal is to present \$50,000.00 to Hendrick Children's Hospital at our 90th Anniversary Celebration.

Contact Faye Dodson for additional details.
 Checks should be made payable to Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation.

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Upcoming programs

- Dec. 8Adult Protective Services
- Dec. 15Walmart - Holiday Gift Ideas
- Dec. 22Spiritual Aims Program - Christmas Music
- Dec. 29No meeting - Round Table

New members

- Tim Adcock..... 10/6/10
- Ron Carroll..... 7/14/10
- Jonathan Gibbs..... 5/12/10
- Eddie Alvarez..... 3/3/10
- Brady Currey..... 1/27/10
- David Batson..... 10/21/09

Last week's donations

- Brag Basket.....\$ 3.00
- Cup.....\$20.11

Presidential Pause, continued

Jacksonville, Big Spring, Colorado City, Sweetwater, Brownwood, Lamesa, Midland, Stephenville.

- Eight couples went by train or auto to St. Louis to attend the Kiwanis International Convention June 17-21. Cost for the round trip, first class fare \$56.41.
- The Kiwanis Club of Abilene promoted the sale of tickets to the Abilene Symphony. Season tickets for adults: \$6.00 and students: \$2.40. The goal was to sell at least 1500 season tickets. Jay Dietzer is the conductor.

2010-2011 OFFICERS

- Lora Lynn Christensen - President
- Mark Young - Immediate Past President
- Charles Kirkpatrick - President-Elect
- Mark Hoover - Vice President
- Marty Anderson - Vice President
- Mac Sipe - Vice President
- Ricki Brown - Treasurer
- Faye Dodson - Secretary
- Henry McGinty - Assistant Secretary
- Kimberley Cole - Foundation Advisor

2010-2011 DIRECTORS

- Two Year:
 Twyla Young, Kirk Hancock, Guy Lucas,
 Royce Manning, Will Smith

One Year:

- Rob Allen, Roy Dent, Lew Lewis, Dick Kincaid, Don Paige

