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Dear Santa Claus



Are you finished with your Christmas shopping?
Me either!

Don't know what to get the hard to buy for? Join
the club!

Want a solution? Come to the Kiwanis Club of
Abilene on December 15th at noon at the Abilene
Country Club!

The wonderful folks from Wal-Mart are back
again with our Gift Ideas Program. They will bring
all kinds of items, and who knows, you might even
get to take one home with you!

Bring a pen & paper to take notes, make your list,
and have some fun. See you there.....

Mark Your Calendar

Feb. 26, 2011
Our 90th Anniversary
Celebration
Governor Sam Curry
will be here

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PRESIDENTIAL PAUSE

by Lora Lynn Christensen

Kiwanians at the last meeting were educated about Adult Protective Services. Very few of us knew much about that state agency and it was good information.

Remember to always invite someone to our meetings. The programs are easily worth the price of the meal (and it is certainly a delicious one!).

Historical moments -1953

- A Colossal Circle K Charter Night Banquet was held on Feb. 10 in Rose Field House. Three Clubs received their Charters. A. C. C Club - 83 members, McMurry - 71 members and Hardin Simmons - 56

members. Five hundred and thirty four were in attendance.

- The Pancake supper was held on March 24, for the first time at Rose Field House on Hardin Simmons Campus. The real Aunt Jemima of pancake fame arrived in town on Monday afternoon to make some recordings and begin her publicity for the Pancake Supper. Tuesday, she visited a number of grocery stores and was paraded downtown in a red convertible. The three colleges provided entertainment throughout the evening. The supper was declared a success with 162 out of 180 Kiwanians working to serve pancakes. A total of 6,437 tickets were sold for a gross sales

in amount of \$3218,50.

- Nineteen Kiwanians went by chartered bus to Brownwood for an Interclub on Thursday, May 14.

- Chewing gum promoter, Jim Jennings states that exactly 700 locations for gum ball machines were reported to him as of June 6. This is 200 more than had been the goal. Seventy five Kiwanians met for breakfast at the Drake Hotel and took off and secured the locations.

- The club had a float in the Annual Christmas Parade.

- This was truly a "banner" year for our club: The club purchased a Kiwanis Banner to hang at every Club meeting. It still hangs at every meeting.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting 12/8/10

Led MeetingLora Lynn Christensen
 Prayer Charles Kirkpatrick
 Music..... David Jones
 Piano Lora Lynn Christensen
 Pledge.....Donald McDonald
 Guests.....Price Brock



Jody Sobotka



Twyla Young



Ron Carroll

Interclub visitors

John Fred Phillips..... Greater Abilene
 George Woodfin..... Greater Abilene
 Nelson Wilson Greater Abilene
 Lorne Suterlin..... Greater Abilene

Program

Twyla Young introduced speaker Jodi Sobotka, Community Initiative Specialist with Adult Protective Services.

Jodi presented a very informative program describing adult neglect that often times can be unintentional.

She explained how Adult Protective Services might be able assist and provided a helpful informational brochure.

She described possible indicators of abuse, neglect and exploitation, including some of the obvious physical signs or behavioral signs in addition to caregiver signs.

This was a very informative program to be certain.

On our prayer list

- The family of Billy Clay
- Rex Fleming, 8, diagnosed with cancer
- The newborn daughter of Jasen Brown
- Landry Robinson, 11, with brain cancer.
- H.B. Terry at Wisteria Place for rehab
- Bill and Ginger Zavatson and their health issues
- David Jones
- Leonard Brock who is the Oaks at Radford Hills, room 40 and would enjoy visitors or phone calls. His phone number is 670-9490.
- Remember Clarence Presswood who would sure



David Vela



**Nelson Wilson
from Greater
Abilene Club**



Low Lewis appreciates the great food and service we get here

like to see visitors

- John Thomas whose wife Erin, passed away November 9th.
- Dale Morrison - praise for improvements
- Rocky Coke, nephew of Bud Coke
- The family of Keith Garner's sister.
- Price Brock's daughter who had surgery on December 2nd.
- Praise our Lord for answered prayer and the many blessings He pours out on us daily.
- As Charles prayed on Wednesday, pray that we would be more like children so that we can be more like our Heavenly Father.

Share your Kiwanis experience.

Invite an acquaintance to our next meeting.

Bring your presents for Project Christmas Stocking THIS WEEK

Project Christmas Stocking will be “wrapped” up this week. Remember to bring the presents to the Wednesday meeting. The presents will be delivered to

the family on Friday evening at 7:00 pm. It would be wonderful if one or two more Kiwanians want to join me in making this “present”-ation.

Announcements

Salvation Army

Salvation Army is requesting Kiwanians to volunteer to ring the bells at the Salvation Army Kettles during the 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.



If you haven't, you should

Check out our website at <http://abilenekiwanis.org/>

Membership emphasis

Membership emphasis for December: Bring your family especially December 15th as the program will be the annual Wal-Mart gift idea presentation!

Last week's donations

Brag Basket.....\$6.00
Cup.....\$33.78

Sure beats hairnets

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 a Abilene Kiwanis Club Hat for \$6.50 and have it ready. Wear it between now and then as great exposure for our club.

Calendar:

Dec. 18: Meet the Kiwanis International President, Georgetown

Jan. 21: Kiwanis's 96th birthday

Feb. 12: Tx-Ok Mid-Winter Conference, Irving Tx

Feb. 15: Deadline for Kiwanis One Day contest entries (www.kiwanisone.org/oneday)

Jan. 31: Last day of early registration for the 2011 Kiwanis convention in Geneva, Switzerland

Feb. 26: 90th Anniversary Celebration- February 26th. Mark your calendars now. Governor Sam Curry will be here.

Apr. 2: Kiwanis One Day. Start planning today.

Apr. 30: PANCAKE DAY

July 7-10: 96th Annual Kiwanis International Convention, Geneva Switzerland

Aug. 25-29: Tx-Ok Convention at Sea. Mark your calendars now.

Spiritual Aims Moment

by Randy Williams, Spiritual Aims Committee Chair

The Children of Israel wondered in the desert for 40 years.

Everyday God was present as a Pillar of Fire by night and a Cloud by day. Despite His presence, they still managed to turn their backs on Him.

How could this possibly be?

In July of this year, Gaye Lynn and I went to Niagra Falls for our 30th anniversary. Our hotel stood tall, right between the American-side Falls and Canadian-side Falls.

We were awe struck. We pulled two chairs up to the window and just sat there amazed at the beauty, majesty, and power that was before us.

Two days later we were getting ready to leave and Gaye Lynn asked me to come to the window to see how beautiful it was, but I was ready to go and out the

door I went.

How quickly our attention can be diverted to change the extraordinary into the ordinary.

But God? Would we do that with God?

He's not a Pillar of Fire or a Cloud perhaps, but He is in everything around us. He created everything; therefore, He is in everything.

I have cautioned you to be aware of the subtle ways that Satan works and this is one of them.

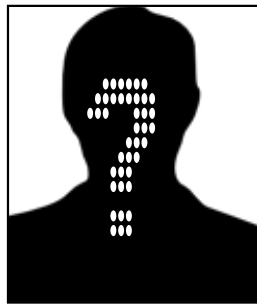
Do you want to “Change the World, One Child and Community at a Time?”

Pray that God will help you live ever mindful of His hand on you and the world around you.

And be faithful to share that true beauty, majesty, and power.

Can you name this Kiwanian?

1. I was born in Fort Worth, Texas.
2. I grew up in Christoval, Texas.
3. I moved to Abilene from Decatur, Texas.
4. I have lived in the Abilene Area (Clyde, Baird) Abilene for 13 years.
5. Schools I attended include San Angelo Central High School, Angelo State University (BS), and Texas Tech University (MS).
6. I have been a member of Kiwanis for 2 years all in the Kiwanis Club of Abilene.
7. My hobbies are hunting and fishing.



Last week's Kiwanian was David Bacon

Hendrick Pledge

Goal	\$50,000.00
Donated Dec. 8th	\$300.00
Received to Date	\$39,227.35
Balance Needed	\$10,772.65

Now is the time to make a year-end donation to this project.

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. 22 Spiritual Aims Program - Christmas Music
- Dec. 29 No meeting - Round Table

New member

Tim Adcock.....Oct. 16

Our Interclubs

Dec. 3, Governors Banquet

Marty Anderson, Lora Lynn Christensen, Nancy Miller, Faye Dodson, Gordon Dowell, Bill Hoogstra, Margaret Hoogstra, Charles Kirkpatrick, Carl Lockett, William Smith and Doug Williamson. Spouses also attended. Special Thanks to Doug Williamson for organizing the banquet and to Marty Anderson for the lovely table decorations.

Dec. 4, Step Up Clinic in Brownwood

Lora Lynn Christensen, Charles Kirkpatrick, Gordon Dowell, Faye Dodson

Dec. 6, Greater Abilene

Don Paige, Keith Garner, Donald McDonald, Royce Manning, William Smith

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