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KIWANIS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Noon, Wednesday, December 22, 2010, Abilene Country Club



Come and enjoy our Christmas program of song and story.

Several of our members will lend their talents for an enjoyable occasion.

Why not bring a friend? It's a quick (and cheap) Christmas gift.

Join us Wednesday, December 22, 2010, at noon at the Abilene Country Club.

Also remember, there will be no meeting the next week, December 29th.

PRESIDENTIAL PAUSE

by Lora Lynn Christensen

Congratulations to all the members who won great prizes from the WalMart shopping spree program. Kimberley Cole, thank you for arranging this every year. Please invite family members and friends to the next Kiwanis meeting. The spirit of Christmas will be shared through the talents of several of our club members. This will be the last meeting of 2010 (no meeting on December 29).

Thank you to the many Kiwanians who purchased clothing and toys for Project Christmas Stock-

ing. Each of the three children will receive a bountiful Christmas.

Historical moment 1954

The Poll Tax Collector came to the club and collected \$3.50 Poll Tax. He issued 114 receipts.

The Pancake Supper was held on March 16, 8813 tickets were sold. The Lawton, OK Kiwanis and Rotary Club flew in 30-plus members to watch the operation of the very successful supper. \$4,400 was the gross income.

The club purchased \$250 worth of shares in the Blue Socks Baseball team.

The Coca Cola Co. was host to the entire club meeting on June 16 in celebration of the local bottling Co's 50th Anniversary.

There were 188 members in the Club.

On June 14, 1954. Garnet Gracy was installed as the third new President of the year at the Annual Family Picnic at Camp Tonkawa.

Two hundred thirty nine attended the Ladies Night Banquet.

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**KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
Weekly Meeting 12/15/10**



Top left, Faye Dodson and her son Roy. Above, The Wal-Mart crew again this year dazzled us with the hottest Christmas gift items, not to mention some great door prizes.



Don Scargall



Kimberley Cole



Kristen Pierce



Paula Berry



Marcus Anderson

Led Meeting Lora Lynn Christensen
 Prayer Doug Williamson
 Music..... Marcus Anderson
 Piano Jamie Breed
 Pledge..... Don Riddle
 Guests..... Don Scargall
 Brad Basket..... Jonathan Gibbs

Guests

Guest Member
 Roy Dodson Faye Dodson
 Marcus Anderson Guinn Smith
 Paula Berry..... Russell Berry
 Kristen Pierce..... Randy Williams

Prayer

- Jim Miller who is receiving heart rehab
- 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.
- Remember Clarence Presswood who would sure like to see visitors
- Pray for those who have lost loved ones recently.
- John Thomas and daughter Emma
- Family of Billy Clay

Newest Member

Tim Adcock, sponsored by Lora Lynn Christensen

Reminder

NO MEETING DECEMBER 29th

Program

Kimberley Cole introduced WalMart employees who presented terrific gift ideas for Christmas. From Air Hogs to Big Foot and a Toshiba Lap Top computer, those in attendance were presented with many great gift suggestions.

Winners of the random drawings were:

- Jerry Harris
- Jonathan Gibbs
- Roy Dent
- Curtis Blackburn
- Rob Allen
- Kimberley Cole
- Russell Berry (and Paula)
- Twyla Young
- Marty Anderson
- Zach Briley
- Gray Jolly
- Earl Williams
- Mark Hoover
- James Cassle
- Don Riddle

Bring a family member next week. Final meeting for 2010 is December 22nd.

Announcements

We've got a great website

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.....\$22.00
Cup.....\$42.08

We all have something to cover up

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.

Gumball Report

Earl Williams, Gumball King, reported:

Machines in operation.....1,147
Read in November 267\$319.56 received
TOTAL\$246,122.28

Calendar:

Feb. 12: Tx-Ok Mid-Winter Conference, Irving Tx
Feb. 15: Deadline for Kiwanis One Day contest entries (www.kiwanisone.org/oneday)

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

When my kids were very young I wanted a boat to take them fishing.

One of Gaye Lynn's cousins owned a local marina and he gave me a boat.

He said, "You're a pretty handy guy and, by the time I could get this thing in shape to sell, I couldn't make any money on it."

That should have been a sign to me. I spent hours fixing leaks, painting, building benches, etc., etc., etc. Took my kids fishing twice and sold it. Not exactly what I had in mind.

Truth is, I wanted the experience of going out with my kids to be as perfect and worry free as it could be. But, I sacrificed "going out with my kids" for wanting that perfection.

Now as they are all married and out of the house, I realize how messed up my priorities were. They didn't care if the boat was "perfect", they just wanted to "do stuff with Dad".

That's the funny thing about kids. They just want us and our time.

Hopefully, we pass that wisdom on to our kids as they raise their kids. Or, maybe it's that neighbor kid that doesn't have a very healthy or stable home down the street and they seem to like to hang around your place.

Where are you invested?

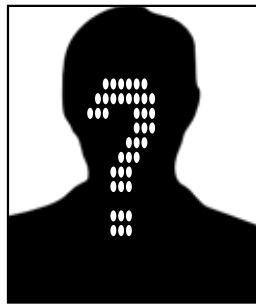
In John 21: 15-19, Jesus tells Peter: "If you love me, feed my sheep." He wasn't just talking about preaching to those who didn't know Jesus but rather the importance of relationships and having a nurturing spirit. Do we have a nurturing spirit with children or are we too busy "working on a boat"?

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

Give your time to "feed the sheep" that God puts in life.

Can you name this Kiwanian?

1. I was born in Hereford, Texas.
2. I grew up in Hereford, Texas.
3. I moved to Abilene from Amarillo, Texas.
4. I have lived in Abilene Area for a year.
5. Schools I attended include Hereford High School, and West Texas A&M University.
6. I have been a member of Kiwanis for a year in the Kiwanis Club of Abilene.
7. My hobbies are hunting and fishing.



Last week's Kiwanian was Robert Pritz

Hendrick Pledge

Goal.....\$50,000
 Received to Date\$39,004.26
 + Money 12/15/10..... \$100.00
 Balance Needed\$10,895.74

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



International conventions are fun and educating. This would make a great trip this summer. For more information, go to:
<http://sites.kiwanis.org/Kiwanis/en/geneva-convention>

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 Twyla Young, Kirk Hancock, Guy Lucas,
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