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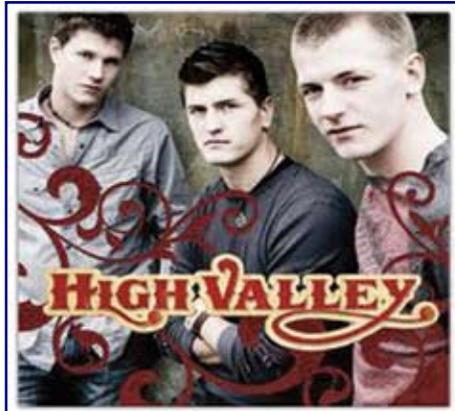
HIGH VALLEY RETURNS

Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2011, Noon, Abilene Country Club

How about a repeat performance?

The first program last year on January 6th was a 3-brother musical program brought to us by High Valley. They are making time to be with us again this week as a part of their Texas Tour.

This trio of brothers were brought up on a farm in Lacrete, British Columbia, Canada, and much of their music, written by them, reflects that rural upbringing and strict moral character. They will be singing songs from their CD that was released a couple of months after they were here with us



last year.

They have had a great success with that album throughout Canada. In fact, one of the songs, "Stand By Me," has been nominated for

the Country Single of the Year by the Canadian Radio Music Awards. Other songs getting increased attention in both Canada and the United States are "A Father's Love" and "On the Combine."

Plan to be here and bring a guest to a very entertaining and lively program brought to us by Brad, Brian and Curtis Rempel...High Valley.

Both you and your guest will be glad you were here!

If you would like to find out more about High Valley, go to the group's website, www.highvalley-music.com.

PRESIDENTIAL PAUSE

by Lora Lynn Christensen

What a great meeting we had! It is always good to learn about goings-on in our community. Our Abilene Zoo Director Bill Gesonde caught everyone up on the recent changes at the zoo and future plans.

The hot topic, of course, was the cold weather we have had and how the zoo staff kept the animals safe. Thank you to the 54 members who braved the cold North wind to make the meeting a success.

Two years have quickly passed since Kiwanis International suggested that every Kiwanian have a background check because we work with children so often in our projects.

The KI board decided this should be done every two years.

Please pick up a CBI form, fill it

out promptly and return it to Faye. The Club will pay for this. Anyone who has been a member at least two years will need to "re-up." We had a good participation last time and expect the same this time.

Party! Celebrate! Honor our past! Honor our special members!

Please sign up for the banquet and plan to bring at least one guest. If you know of a past member who needs to be invited--invite them! Or get the information to the president and they will receive an invitation.

Governor Sam Curry and his wife will be there. The Gov. will make a short address. Lt. Governor Steven Leggett and his wife Pat



will attend. An Interclub from Ft. Worth Kiwanis Club (our spon-

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

On our prayer list

- Charles Kirkpatrick who broke his right ankle on January 20th
- Henry McGinty who fell recently and injured his knee
- Pray for H.B. Terry who is at home now and hopes to return to Kiwanis soon
- Remember Bill and Ginger Zavatson and health issues for them
- Remember Leonard Brock who is at the Oaks at Radford Hills, room 40
- Remember Clarence Presswood who would sure like to see visitors
- Praise Zack Briley was at the meeting today!

Calendar:

- Feb. 26: 90th Anniversary Celebration- February 26th. Governor Sam Curry will be here.
- March 8: Division 35 Council Meeting-Beehive Restaurant
- Apr. 30: PANCAKE DAY
- July 7-10: 96th Annual Kiwanis International Convention, Geneva Switzerland
- Aug. 25-29: Tx-Ok Convention at Sea.

Check it out

Time to renew Criminal Background Investigation-Renewal due for most members. Forms will be available at the February 16th meeting.

Shirt off your back

Look for the opportunity to purchase a Kiwanis Club of Abilene shirt, coming soon.

Cap It 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 a Kiwanis Club of Abilene Cap for \$6.50 and have it ready. Wear it between now and then as great exposure for our club. Six hats were purchased at the 1/19/11 meeting. Let's see those at the Basketball Shootout!

Say Who?

We have 44 Kiwanians who haven't turned in the information questionnaire. Certainly we don't have that many in the Witness Protection Program.

Why not let your fellow Kiwanians get to know you a little better?

Fill out one of the information forms, available from Keith Garner or Faye Dodson.

Then you will be a Kiwanian of the week.

Any idea who it is this week?

Check it out

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February Guest Focus

Bring a Friend (February 16th is last Wednesday meeting of month)

No meeting Feb. 23rd

February 23rd meeting is cancelled and replaced by 90th Anniversary Celebration to be held on Saturday February 26th at MCM Elegante at 5:30

SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE

by Randy Williams

There are many people who say they love each other with a love that will never die. Oh, they claim that somehow their love is special. They say their love is a constant in their lives. They say their love isn't what it was when they were young. And they go to great lengths to convince the people around them, and, I suppose, even themselves, that they have found "true love" and that this makes them special because "true love" is such a rare thing. But how

do you really know that the love you feel is the kind of love that will endure the tests of time? How do you really know that the love you feel will burn brightly even through the troubles of this life? It is only through dependence on The Father as we endure the adversities of life, that "true love" shows itself to be eternal as it binds the hearts of two people together with roots held by the hand of God. And even though I'm a fairly simple man, I have experienced such love throughout my

marriage. My wife has shown me the true nature of love in so many ways as we have walked together on the journey of life that God has placed before us. I have never felt worthy of Gaye Lynn in my life. No matter what good things I have done on her behalf, I have never felt deserving of the gracious compassion, mercy, and love that I have seen grow within her heart for me. I cherish her as my partner,

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Presidential Pause continued

soring club in 1921) will attend. If they can drive from Ft. Worth, surely we can drive across town!

Our favorite Barbershoppers, The Memory Men will take us back in time through music.

Special people will be recognized: past presidents, Kiwanians of the Year, Hixon Award Winners, Bailey Choate Award Winners. New awards will be presented.

Our pledge of \$50,000 to Hendrick Medical Center will be met and a check presented.

This is the only Celebrations Banquet we will have this year.

There will not be one in September.

We will have a special noontime edition of celebrating the passing of the gavel and recognizing the annual Kiwanis awards that month.

There is only one more meeting before the reservation deadline (February 16 meeting). The deadline is Tuesday, February 22. We will NOT have a Feb. 23 Wednesday noon meeting. If you will not be in attendance Feb 16, please email your reservation to Faye Dodson.

Every member should attend the banquet on Saturday February 26, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at MCM Elegante Suites. (Note to Philharmonic Ticket holders--we will be finished in time for you to attend that evening's concert.) A big thank you goes to Rob Allen in helping make this event possible.

90th Anniversaries are celebrated with diamonds and emeralds--so bedeck yourself with all your jewels and join us in this once in a



lifetime event.

Historical moments

1967: Windsor Hotel gave notice that the meal costs will go from \$1.50 to \$1.75 on February 1st. The board voted to set aside \$1500 for International Convention expense money. This convention will be in Houston; The NIB SHAW DAY was magnificent, moving, momentous. Ed Wishcamper was Master of ceremonies. This celebration climaxed his retirement from the Texas Coca-Cola Bottling Co. as of January 31. Mayor Ralph Hooks read and presented the Mayor's Proclamation of Nib Shaw Day. Alex Bickley, close friend of Nib was the speaker; Seventeen Kiwanians and their wives went to Houston to attend the 52nd annual convention of Kiwanis International

in Houston. \$1000 was presented to Abilene Girls Home by the club on Dec. 14; Fifty new members were inducted in 1967.

1968: Fifty new song books were distributed to the members as they started out the new year of 1968. The Greater Abilene Kiwanis Club had its formal beginning on Dec. 29, 1966. This Club was from the disbanded East and West Abilene Kiwanis Clubs together with a number of new charter members. There were no Poll Taxes this year and every Kiwanian was urged to get his Voter Certificate. Reports from the Pancake Supper are great. Jim Cross, General Chairman said 13,744 tickets had been sold. There are nine elected and three appointed at the Taylor County Court house and city hall at this time who are Kiwanians.

1969: Ed Wishcamper was president; The proceeds from the Marine Band appearance in November was \$1836,63; Thirty eight Kiwanians from Ft Worth were here for an Interclub; Kirby Leeson was introduced as a new member on Jan. 15, 1969. Van Boozer was introduced as a new member by Bob Hitt on Feb. 19. Retiring President Ed Wishcamper was presented with a gavel made from white oak. This particular piece of wood came from a piece of timber taken from the old original barn on the Wishcamper farm in Germany. This farm has been in the Wishcamper family since 1713. This block of wood was secured by Ed's son and daughter when they visited in Germany this past summer. The gavel was made by Sid Pass.

Spiritual Aims Message continued

best friend, lover, encourager, wonderful Mother, and bestest Grammie. I have always joked that I thought, when my kids were

grown and married, life could get to be about me again. The truth is that my life, in every way, is about my wife. I suppose that my most difficult struggle is to love God more than I love my wife as we

walk together in "true love!". You want to "Change the World, One Child and Community at Time? Seek God in all things, especially making Him the "root holder" living in the middle of your marriage.

**Kiwanis Club of Abilene
Weekly Meeting 02/09/11
Abilene Country Club**

Led Meeting Lora Lynn Christensen
 Prayer Van Boozer
 Music..... Nancy Miller
 Piano Tim Adcock
 Pledge..... Melvin Martin
 Guests..... Gordon Dowell
 Brag Basket..... Donald McDonald

Program

Jeff Goodin introduced Bill Gersonde, director of the Abilene Zoo as the speaker.

Bill communicated two things drew him to Abilene: People and Potential.

He outlined updates that are in progress and shared future plans for the zoo.

In addition he complemented the zoo staff for their commitment and work ethic.



Bill Gersonde, director of the Abilene Zoo spoke at our last meeting.

Collected @ the meeting

Brag Basket.....\$4.00
 Cup Money.....\$35.88

New Members

New Member Sponsor
 Roy Cloud Russell Berry
 T-Roy Dodson Faye Dodson
 Christine Curtis-Carr..... Faye Dodson
 Tim Adcock Lora Lynn Christensen

Basketball Shootout

David Jones reported on the 14th Annual Basketball Shootout.

The Facts: 23 Kiwanians helped on Shootout Day Change Bandits, ads, and door receipts brought in \$5,603.00

This was the 3rd best year ever.
 \$2000.00 of the money raised will go to the Hendrick Project and the difference will be to CMN.

Now that's in icicle!



Thanks to Faye Dodson for sharing with us this discovery at her house.

Guests

Guests.....Guest of Member
 Mary Ann Martin Melvin Martin
 Tommy Dodson.....Faye Dodson
 Pat Donahoo.....Jeff Goodin
 Joe and Gail Russey Jeff Goodin
 Randy Piersall Jeff Goodin
 Amber Cree..... Jeff Goodin

Thank You's

Here are some excerpts from the thank you notes that we've received for our recent Pancake Dollar donations:

- "Thank you for the donation and investment of \$250 to Communities in Schools of the Big Country! These funds go directly to case management services of 900 students in the AISD campuses we serve."
- "On behalf of the Board of Directors, Staff and all the folks at Disability Resources Inc., please accept our sincere gratitude for your financial support of our organization during the 2010 year."
- "Thank you for your 2010 contribution of \$500 to Love and Care Ministries."
- "Your support of the first-ever Noah Project Walk-A-Thon was tremendous! Together, we met our goal of raising \$40,000, which is being used to help individuals and the families who need the services of the Noah Project."

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene

cordially invites you to the

Celebrations Banquet marking the Club's 90th Anniversary

**Saturday, February 26, 2011
5:30 pm**

**MCM Elegante Suites
4250 Ridgemont Drive
Abilene, Texas**

**Entertainment: Barbershop Quartet, The Memory Men
Entree: Chicken Cordon Bleu**

**Honors and Awards will be bestowed.
Memories will be made.**

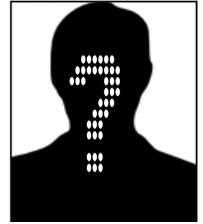
\$15 for Members/\$25 for guests

**Please make reservations By February 22nd
Kiwanis Club of Abilene
473 Cypress, Suite 107, Abilene, TX 79601**

**or contact President Lora Lynn Christensen 325 673 0197 or
pianist@swbell.net**

Kiwanian of the Week

1. I was born in Ranger, Texas.
2. I grew up in Ranger, Texas.
3. I have lived in Abilene for 37 years.
4. I moved to Abilene from Austin.
5. Schools attended include Ranger High School and the University of Texas at Austin.
6. I have been a Kiwanian for 26 years, all in the Kiwanis Club of Abilene.
7. Board memberships in Abilene include Autry-Skiles Foundation, Abilene Adult Daycare, Abilene Jaycees Foundation, and The Melvin Martin SafetyCity.



*Last week's Kiwanian of the Week was
President Lora Lynn Christensen*

Hendrick Pledge

Goal \$50,000.00
Received to Date \$41,634.20
Received week of Feb. 9 \$500.00
Monthly Drafts Pending 842.50
Balance Needed \$7,023.30
We want to present our \$50,000 check 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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Henry McGinty - Assistant Secretary
Kimberley Cole - Foundation Advisor

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Royce Manning, Will Smith

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