

K *The Kiwanis Club of Abilene* **KIWANIGRAM**



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BIRDS OF THE BIG COUNTRY

Wednesday, March 9, 2011, Noon @ Abilene Country Club

Abilene professional photographer, John English, will be presenting a photography program to our club next Wednesday titled "Birds of the Big Country."

A former professional baseball player with the Houston Astros/Colt .45's organization. John has always had an interest in art but decided to try making a living as a professional athlete. After three baseball seasons a shoulder injury ended his career.

Next John worked for an electric utility company and during that time revived his interest in art by



developing a passion for photography. John is a past president of the "Professional Photographer's of America" guild of the Rio Grande Valley. During this time John had a Wedding and Portrait photography

business.

Although he is interested in all facets of photography, John has been focusing mainly the last several years on wildlife and nature. Through his photographs, John enjoys sharing his vision of the beauty in nature surrounding us all and the need for habitat conservation for all wildlife.

John has had several winning photographs in the prestigious Valley Land Fund's Wildlife Photography Contest as well as other photographic awards. In 2008, he was

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PRESIDENTIAL PAUSE

by Lora Lynn Christensen

Kiwanis One Day is April 2, 2011. This is an international effort to promote special projects by every club all over the world. Perhaps the various Kiwanis committee chairmen and members could plan a project that day. It would be great to have a ramp built that day. Perhaps a project to improve something at the Boys and Girls Club, Meals on Wheels, Harmony Family Services, other nonprofit agencies or a cleanup-project in a neighborhood or at a park could be accomplished that day.

Put on your thinking caps and let us "Step up and make a difference" on Kiwanis One Day.

It is a welcome sight at the weekly meetings to have official greeters. Keith Garner and Van Boozer do this fairly regularly. If you can possibly get to a meet-

ing by 11:30, please offer to greet everyone for a meeting or two. You might get to know your fellow Kiwanians a little better.

Thanks to Dub Pritchett, who had the idea, and thanks to Keith Garner who has carried through with the idea, we have learned a little about our fellow Kiwanians the past year. If you have not been the featured Kiwanian of the Week, please fill out a form and give it to Keith in the next week or two.

Historical moments 1972-1973

• Senator-Elect and former State Representative, Grant Jones was the speaker on October 8, 1972

• A Boys Ranch boy was awarded \$420 to pay tuition to attend barber school

• Rex Kyker presented a check for \$50,000 to Abilene State School Superintendent L. W. Cain for the Swimming Pool Cover Project.

• Pancake Day: \$1 tickets.

• The Board of Directors appropriated \$1,945 to furnish a new room at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center and \$295 to Camp Tonkawa for a new canoe.

• At the International Convention in Montreal propositions voted down resulted in (1) no women members in Kiwanis; (2) no change in the present Kiwanis year (Oct 1-Sept. 30); (3) no increase in International dues and (4) no acceptance of lotteries for Kiwanis Clubs.

• Governor Dolph Briscoe spoke at the United Fund Kick-off where 108 Kiwanians and 25 guests were in attendance.



Clockwise from top left, Aimee Cooley presented the program. Anne Ellis was a guest of Ricki Brown. Dwayne Dacus was a guest of Mac Sipe. Ketta Garduno, Principal at Reagan Elementary, was a guest of the club. Troylene Stewart, Librarian at Reagan Elementary, was a guest of the club. Lynda Fogerson introduced the program. Van Boozar introduced our guests.

**KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
Weekly Meeting 3/2/2011
Abilene Country Club**

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| Led Meeting | Lora Lynn Christensen |
| Prayer | Randy Williams |
| Music..... | Don Scargall |
| Piano | Tim Adcock |
| Pledge..... | Jack Harkins |
| Guests..... | Van Boozar |
| Brag Basket..... | \$17.00 |
| Cup Money..... | \$ 32.65 |
| Birthdays this week..... | The State of TEXAS! |

Guests

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| Guests..... | Guest of Member |
| Ketta Garduno-Principal Reagan Elementary | Club |
| Troylene Stewart –Librarian Reagan Elem. | Club |
| Dwayne Dacus | Mac Sipe |
| Anne Ellis..... | Ricki Brown |
| Steve Olson | Bill Hoogstra |

In our prayers

- Remember Jarrell Young who is recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Praise that Tommy Dodson is recovering from surgery
- Pray for Jim Miller who has been in the hospital with pneumonia
- 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

Program

Randy Williams announced that the Spiritual Aims committee is now accepting nominations for Layperson of the Year.

Kelly Jones and Don Scargall presented a sample of the 50 multicultural book collections that was given to Regan Elementary and the Mockingbird Branch Library. Representatives from each institution were on hand. This was a project of the first lady, Joyce Curry.

IT'S TIME TO MAKE SOME NOISE ABOUT OUR SILENT AUCTION

We need everyone to gather items for our Silent Auction on Pancake Day, April 30th.

The Auction has grown into a significant money-raiser for the club. But without items to auction,

it can't reach its potential.

So, every member is challenged to bring at least one item for the Auction. It can be something that you own, you've made or you've secured for the Auction.

You could:

- Ask the manager at your favorite restaurant for several gift certificate.
- Donate that extra box of golf balls in the garage.

Last week's meeting

Linda Fogerson introduced our speaker Aimee Coolley. Aimee oversees Club Courage and Camp Courage, an extension of Hendrick Hospice Care. Fifteen years ago, Hendrick established Rainbows, a club for grieving children. That program has grown into what we now know as Club Courage and Camp Courage. Club Courage has a fall and spring session, while Camp Courage is held the first week of June.

Aimee reported that their work has been validated by a 2010 report entitled Child Bereavement Study, an in-depth study of the impact of parental loss. The study noted that it is important to recognize the loss and the grief process is different for each child.

Children in the program come from a variety of situations including loss of parent or other family member due death, divorce, separation, deployment and/or incarceration. A new goal for the program is a stronger parent program.

Aimee reminded us that all children have the following needs:

- Need to feel safe

- Need to be cared for
- Need clear information about the death
- Need to feel important and involved in the funeral
- Know that they are not responsible.

Our newest members

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

Calendar

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| March 8 | Division 35 Council Meeting Beehive Restaurant |
| March 24 | Board Meeting – Bogies - Noon |
| April 2 | Kiwanis One Day |
| April 30 | PANCAKE DAY |
| July 7-10..... | 96th Annual Kiwanis International Convention Geneva Switzerland |
| August 25-29..... | Tx-Ok Convention at Sea |

Next Program continued

invited to exhibit in the "Rotunda Fine Art Show" at the Texas State Capitol sponsored by The Museum of Fine Art – Austin.

John is a member of the Texas Photographic Society, West Texas Photographic Society, Big Country Audubon Society (contributing to a monthly newspaper column), and is a Texas Master Naturalist.

John markets his Wildlife/Nature/Scenic photography at Art Shows/Festivals and Galleries, as well in magazines, books and calendars.

You can find out more about John and see his Fine Art Photography on his website: www.johnenglishphoto.com and performs volunteer work for the Boy Scouts teaching merit badge classes

in photography. John received the "Outstanding Volunteer Award" from the Laredo Border Olympics in 2000. John also held a one-artist show and conducted programs on wildlife photography for the Wichita Wildlight Photographic Society in Lawton, OK for which he was honored as "Volunteer of the Year" in 2001. John was also honored as "Best in Category of Photography" at the 2005 State of Texas Arts and Crafts show in Kerrville and voted the "Peoples Choice Award" at the 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009 & "Best of Show" 2009 showing at the Center for Contemporary Arts in Abilene, Texas. John also received the First Place award for "Two Dimensional Art" at the 2006 Lawton, OK "Arts for All" show. Early in 2007 John won the "People's Choice Award"

in the Stars of Texas Art show held in Brownwood, TX and the only photographer awarded in the 2011 show.

John says, "The images I strive to create show the beauty in the natural world surrounding us all. In doing so I look for texture, shadows, contrast and how the light falls on the subject. In most instances I scout an area before actually making the photograph I am striving to create. Planning has been the key element in most of my successful images although sometimes I am surprised and rewarded with a change in weather or the appearance of wildlife that completely changes everything. These can be the moments a photographer lives for."

REGISTER FOR T-O CONVENTION AT SEA II BY MARCH 15 & SAVE!!!!

Deposits for the cruise convention need to be made by March 15 to guarantee our special Kiwanis prices. Clubs may reserve a cabin without names at this time for a deposit of \$300 per person. Registration for the convention may be made after March 15, however, current prices are not guaranteed and some categories may not be available.

Reservation form and brochure are attached. For further information contact Marellie Robinson - Marellie2@aol.com or (918) 299-5425.

Step aboard and "Don't miss the Boat"

Convention at Sea II August 25-29, 2011 RESERVATION APPLICATION

Name _____ Birth date _____
(Please print first, middle and last name as shown on your passport)

Name to be used on name badge _____

Rooming with _____ Birth date _____

Name to be used on name badge _____

Home Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

E-mail _____

Emergency Contact-Name/Phone No. _____

Kiwanis Club _____ Division _____

Cabin Category-Inside 4B____4C____4D____ 1A (single)____ Ocean View 6B____6C____6D____
Suites with balcony- Grand Suite____ (available but at a higher rate) Other cabins available upon request.

Dining options: 6:00 p.m.____ 8:15 p.m.____ 5:45 to 9:30 your time dining _____

Optional cancellation insurance **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**.

I wish to purchase travel insurance: Yes____ No____ Must be paid by final payment.

Inside categories \$49.00 per person; ocean view \$65.00; balconies \$79.00

PAYMENT METHODS-check or credit card. (Make checks payable to Premier Travel Tours)

Credit Card MC____ VI____ DS____ AX____ Expiration Date _____

Card number _____ Security number _____

Name on card/Signature: _____

I understand and accept the terms of the brochure.

Signature _____ Date _____

I wish to have the above credit card charged for subsequent payments automatically.* Yes ____ No ____

*Your credit card will be charged on dates shown on payment schedule in Convention Brochure.

Complete this form and mail, fax or e-mail to:

Marellie Robinson, Convention Co-Chairman, 492 E 111th St, Jenks, OK 74037

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SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE

by Randy Williams

The other day I received an email that had a quote from an unknown author which I found to be rather profound: "Life isn't about how to survive the storm, But rather how to dance in the rain."

Many in our country have been facing difficult economic times that can be devastating. My son, Justin, informed us this week that he may very well not have a teaching job next year.

How will he take care of his family? How do you respond to such news?

There are so many variations on such a theme and so you may feel like you've heard this from me before.

The Apostle Paul said, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:4-10).

My prayer for my kids is that they have seen their mother and I go through difficult times but have worked to not worry about what was to come. This is one of the ways that God tempers us like steel.

We come out of difficult times stronger and more aware of the faithfulness of God in our lives.

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

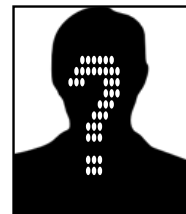
Live like your Heavenly Father cares more about you than birds. After all, He takes good care of them doesn't He? (Matthew 6:26).

Remember

- Kiwanis Club of Abilene caps and shirts are on sale at the meeting.
- Background check forms will be available at our March meetings. Everyone participating in activities needs to get a new check.

KIWANIAN OF THE WEEK

1. I was born in Pampa, Gray County, Texas.
2. I grew up in Abilene, Texas (mostly).
3. I have lived in Abilene off and on for about 31 years.
4. I moved to Abilene from Austin, Texas.
5. Schools attended include St. Joseph's Academy (Abilene), Abilene High School, Big Spring High School, Rice Institute, Hardin-Simmons University, and Fort Knox.
6. My hobbies include photography, bridge, reading, and travel.
7. I have been a Kiwanian for 9½ years, all in the Kiwanis Club of Abilene.
8. I have been a member of the Board of Directors for the Kiwanis Club of Abilene.



*Last week's Kiwanian of the Week was
Lynda Fogerson*

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