

K *The Kiwanis Club of Abilene* KIWANIGRAM



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EARTHKIND GARDENING

Wed., April 6, 2011, Noon @ Abilene Country Club

This week we get to hear from our own member, Robert Pritz.

Robert has been the County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources in Taylor County since 2008. Prior to that, he served as Callahan County Extension Agent for 11 years. Robert's Extension career started in Wise County as an Assistant County Agent.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Angelo State University in 1993 and earned his Master of Science degree from Texas Tech University in 1995.

Robert grew up on a small farm and ranch between San Angelo and Christoval, Texas.

He will speak to us on "Earthkind Gardening."



PRESIDENTIAL PAUSE

by Lora Lynn Christensen

Melissa Luton of Hendrick Hospice gave such an informative program at the club meeting this past week. Who would have thought we could enjoy a program about such a serious matter? Thanks go to Marty (Vanna White) Anderson for introducing Melissa and handing out awards in such an unbiased (!) fashion.

The next few weeks of selling tickets and securing silent auction items are the "bread and butter" time for our Kiwanis club. This is our only fundraiser for the year. The more money raised on Pancake Day, the more can be given to the many needs of our community.

Statistics for last year's Pancake Day were given in the March 28th issue of the Kiwanigram. Really, only 30% of our membership sold tickets last year? And, really, that was the most percentage in several

years? Wow. What if only 30% of the membership showed up on Pancake Day to work? What if our weekly attendance was only 30%? What if 30% was all our members did at their jobs? What if 30% was all members gave when it came to doing a volunteer job?

Every member should sell at least one ticket. $65 \times \$5 = \325 . $\$65 \times \$10 = \$650$. $\$65 \times \$20 = \$1300$. Just 4 tickets each would add that much to our bottom line!

Some members are uncomfortable selling, so they purchase tickets and give them to friends and family. Please be a good Kiwanian and get out and sell those tickets!

Historical Moments

In 1976 Donald McDonald was one of three vice presidents. The year began with 179 members.

New membership drive: 76 new members for 1976 bicentennial. Kiwanian and State Senator Grant Jones addressed the club on Nov 4. There were 50 guests at the Dec. 3rd meeting to hear Judge Henry Strauss. Pancake Date: April 6, \$1.50 tickets; Place: Coliseum; Highlight: Ronald Reagan, past governor of California dropped in, donned an apron and chef's cap and flipped pancakes. The cap was auctioned for \$60 and the apron for \$50. It was estimated that his appearance added \$3-\$4000 to proceeds. Gross income: \$13,044; net \$8,708. In 25 years, gumball machines had netted \$42,183, Earl Williams is the Gumball chairman. Vera Hall Memorial Minter Park was dedicated on April 4; \$5,300 came from K Club of Abilene. 65 new members were inducted in 1976.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting March 30, 2011

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Lora Lynn Christensen
Prayer.....	Jerry Harris
Music.....	Don Scargall
Piano.....	Jamie Breed
Pledge.....	Travis Dodson
Guests.....	Ken Poynor
Brag Basket.....	Nancy Miller
Brag Basket Collected.....	\$19.00
Cup Money.....	\$ 39.87
Kiwanian of the Week introducer.....	Keith Garner
Kiwanian of the Week.....	Eddie Alvarez

Guests

Guests.....	Guest of Member
Ben Balanay.....	Bill Hoogstra
Eloise Briley.....	Zach and Lou Briley
Robert Briley.....	Zach and Lou Briley
Jim White.....	Zach and Lou Briley
Vicki Briley-White.....	Zach and Lou Briley
Kim Briley-Dickenson.....	Zach and Lou Briley
Vance Cooksey.....	Greater Abilene
David Miller.....	Greater Abilene
Bobbie Bieberly.....	Greater Abilene
George Woodfin.....	Greater Abilene
Lorne Sutherlin.....	Greater Abilene

In our prayers

- Remember to pray for Bud Coke who had a medical procedure done of March 11th and for his nephew
- Remember Jarrell Young who is recovering from Hip Replacement 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

Last week's meeting

Jerry Harris presented Pancake Dollars in the amount of \$800.00 to Ken Poynor for the Kiwanis Medical Association. Ken explained that this was a ten year old program supported by all of the Kiwanis clubs in Abilene to assist students in Abilene Independent School District who do not have medical insurance. Funds up to \$250.00 per student are used to help with prescriptions and doctor visits. The association works with AISD to allocate funding.

Marty Anderson introduced Melissa Luton from Hendrick Hospice Care. Melissa addressed a number of “misconceptions” pertaining to hospice care stressing the goal of hospice is to manage pain and symptoms for patients. She referred to hospice as “comfort care.” Hendrick Hospice Care works with nursing facilities within a 65-mile area of Abilene which includes Abilene Regional Hospital.

Our newest members

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

Calendar

April 12 ... Division Council Meeting @ Cotton Patch
 April 21Board Meeting - Bogie's - noon
 April 30 PANCAKE DAY
 July 7-10.....96th Annual
 Kiwanis International Convention
 Geneva Switzerland
 August 25-29.....Tx-Ok Convention at Sea

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bring a Guest Theme for April is “Invite a Health-care Person”
- Heads Up! Kiwanis Club of Abilene hats available for \$6.50 each.
- Layperson of the year - Contact Randy Williams for details. Go our website, www.abilenekiwanis.org/, and select “forms”. Forms will also be available at weekly meetings. Deadline to submit an application is April 13th.
- The first batch of Kiwanis Club of Abilene polo and T-shirts have been ordered. But it is not to late to order yours. Contact Will Smith to place an order for your shirt.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 13
Jay Moore, Abilene history

April 20
Easter Program
Pastor, Zion Lutheran Church

April 27
Dr. Phil Schubert, ACU President

May 4
Vocational Education Scholarship Program

May 11
Col. David Been, Dyess AFB

Pancake Day Update

Sell Tickets! Sell Tickets! Get Auction Items in-Contact Marty Anderson to arrange pick up!

Highlights for Ticket Sales Week 1:

1st place team: Wild Bill \$3,330.00
2nd place: Annie Oakley \$1,190.00
3rd place: Jesse James.....\$800.00

Top sales goes to Jack Rentz (Wild Bill Team) with \$2,950.00

Others selling \$100.00 or more in tickets:

Guinn Smith.....\$780.00
Glyn Hammons.....\$300.00
Jerry Carter.....\$230.00

Royce Manning.....\$160.00
Lora Lynn Christensen.....\$150.00
Van Boozer.....\$120.00
Jamie Breed.....\$100.00
Ricki Brown.....\$100.00

Highlights for Silent Auction reported by Marty Anderson:

- Jack Rentz: Season tickets to Wylie Football Games
- Bobbie Wolfe: Money to Go Shopping for items
- Zach and Lou Briley: Flat Screen TV

Remember our goals:

- TEAM TICKET SALES: \$30,000 (L/Y actual - \$28,560)
- MEMBERS SELLING TICKETS: 100% (L/Y actual - 82%)

- SILENT AUCTION SALES: \$10,000 (L/Y actual - \$8,600)
- PARTICIPATION IN AUCTION: 100% (LY actual - 30%)

If there was a way you could help the children of Abilene and the surrounding area, you would want to be a part of it, wouldn't you?

The purpose of Pancake Day is to raise money to help the children.

Every dollar we raise during this campaign will be used to help children.

Can we count on you to help us?

If you need more tickets

Call Faye Dodson at 627-7134.

She has a supply in my office I will be glad to hand over to others.

Zach's birthday celebration

We had the opportunity last week to join in celebrating Zach Briley's birthday. Several members of his family also were in attendance.

Happy Birthday, Zach. We're so glad you are a member of the greatest Kiwanis Club in this, or any other, universe.

Clockwise from right, Zach celebrates his birthday with his aunt, Vicki Briley White. Zach's uncle, Jim White. Zach's dad, Robert Briley. Zach's grandmother, Eloise Cheney. Lou Briley and Zach's aunt, Kim Briley-Dickenson



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ZACH

Snapshots

from Charles Kirkpatrick



Melissa Luton presented the program on Hendrick Hospice Care.



Ken Poyner accepted \$800 for the Kiwanis Medical Association.



Ricki Brown choosing from our delicious buffet.



Christine Curtis-Carr brings enthusiastic leadership to the “Annie Oakley” team.



Jack Rentz was honored by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce recently. His business, Rentech Boiler Systems, and its related firms were given the Corporate Star Award. The honor recognizes a major employer in the city that goes above and beyond in serving the community. Congrats, Jack!



Ben Balanay was a guest of Bill Hoogstra



“Wild Bill” Will Smith totals up Pancake ticket sales for his team.

Kiwanis is...

A family of servant leaders:
Kiwanis Clubs focus on

changing the world by serving children, one child and one community at a time.

To do this, many clubs also sponsor a Kiwanis family club—K-Kids for primary school children; Builders Clubs for adolescents; Key Clubs for teens; CKI clubs university students and Aktion Clubs for adults living with disabilities—to reach more people and have a greater service impact on their communities.

Out and About . . .

Celebrating 90 Years with the Kiwanis Club of Abilene

By Walter and Jayne Naff

In the winter months of 1921, members of the Kiwanis Club of Fort Worth traveled all the way to Abilene – more than 150 miles – to form a new Kiwanis Club. In the days of the “tin lizzies” this was no small feat. On Saturday, February 26, Don and Cheri Scharringhausen and Walter and Jayne Naff made that same trip to help the Abilene Kiwanians celebrate their 90-year anniversary. We could not help but wonder, as we traveled along on Interstate 20, how many trips the Fort Worth folks made to Abilene while building that club. They could not have imagined, in 1921, what a large footprint that new Kiwanis club would make on that city, or how many hours of service and the lives that would be touched through the next 90 years. By the way, our club was only two years old that year, having been chartered on January 6, 1919. *What an achievement!*

One example of their service – in 1953 they held a banquet to celebrate the chartering of Circle K clubs in each of the three universities that call Abilene home. That same year, they held their first Pancake Supper at the Hardin Simmons Field House, and *Aunt Jemina* visited grocery stores in town as she paraded downtown in a red convertible. The three colleges provided entertainment throughout the evening, and 6,437 tickets were sold for the event. Through the years, many celebrities have come to Abilene for special events. Just a few of them were Senator Lyndon B. Johnson and Past California Governor Ronald Reagan.

Across years of outstanding service to the city, they also helped charter other Kiwanis clubs in that area, all of



Pictured from left to right: Cheri Scharringhausen; Don Scharringhausen; Lora Lynn Christensen, Abilene President, 2010-11; Nancy Miller, Past Governor's President, 2010-11, TX-OK District; Jayne Naff and Walter Naff, Past Lt. Governor, TX-OK District

which are now active in their own ways of Kiwanis service to their communities. It was thrilling to watch them honor their oldest member, Henry McGinty with his 60 years of membership. We celebrated with them as they gave their latest gift – a gift of \$50,000 to the remodeled Children's wing of Hendrick Medical Center and Hospital. They had raised this gift over a three-year period. They responded enthusiastically when Don presented them with the card of congratulations and the engraved rosewood gavel as gifts from our club. About 70 of their 90 members in their club were in attendance at the banquet.

It was a wonderful evening and we were treated warmly and enthusiastically as the “Guests from Fort Worth.” They spoke of their appreciation of our club making the trek to Abilene those many years ago to plant their club. As the late T-O Governor Don Wilson used to say, *“When you cast a pebble into the water you never know how far the ripples will reach.”*

SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE

by Randy Williams

The other day I was filling out the form for Kiwanian of the Week. I came to the question asking about awards that I had received in my life. It occurred to me... I've really never personally received much in the way of awards in my life.

Oh, I've had trophies for Volleyball, Baseball, and other team sports but little to nothing for something I personally did.

Now I have to admit that I was a little disappointed in myself for a moment.

Then I remembered the people who, over the years, I had led to the Lord.

My kids and their families came for supper Sunday and I thought about what good, Godly people they had grown to be.

I suppose that I was thinking about that "dash" on the tombstone and how so much of what we do that is good is not easily seen nor recognized.

No trophy for leading folks to God or "training my children

up in the way they should go so that when they are old they will not depart from it"... or is there?

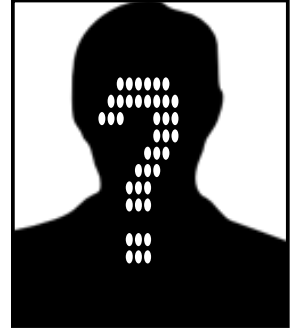
Then I remembered 2 Timothy 4:7-8 where the Apostle Paul says, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." Wow! A crown! The Bible says that trophies can be destroyed but not this "crown" Paul talks about.

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

Be encouraged that in the good works you do, they may not be recognized by men, but your Heavenly Father sees all and His trophy, His Crown, for you is eternal.

KIWANIAN OF THE WEEK

1. I was born in Brownwood, Pennsylvania.
2. I grew up in Pennsylvania.
3. I have lived in Abilene for 39 years.
4. I moved to Abilene from Taiwan, Republic of China.
5. Schools attended include: South Union High School, Pennsylvania; Mc Murry University and Hardin-Simmons University.
6. My hobby is golf.
7. I have been a member of Kiwanis 30 years, all in the Kiwanis Club of Abilene.



Last week's Kiwanian of the Week was Eddie Alvarez

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