

## **JOINT SERVICE & BASE HONOR GUARD**

**Wed., May 18, 2011, Noon @ Abilene Country Club**



**DALLAS — Honor Guard members from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, drape the flag over a casket Jan. 14 during a funeral ceremony at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.**

(U.S Air Force photo/ Airman 1st Class Shannon Hall)

Master Sergeant Chris Ellis is the Superintendent of the Joint Service and Base Honor Guard programs. His operation is the only Air Force-led Joint Service Team in the nation.

He is responsible for the performance of over 3,700 funeral details annually.

His team is made up of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine personnel. They support military funeral honors over 38 counties, 2,000+ private cemeteries and at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Chris has spent over 20 years in the Air Force and has deployed to numerous locations worldwide.

He is married to the former Lisa Kelly and they have 3 children, a daughter Savannah and two boys Justin & Tristen.

## **PRESIDENTIAL PAUSE** *by Lora Lynn Christensen*

Councilman Anthony Williams gave the perfect speech to the valedictorians and salutatorians from surrounding high schools and the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation Scholarship winners. His remarks before and after his borrowed advice were quite sufficient to the day. Thank you, Anthony, for taking time from your busy schedule to be at this special meeting.

Mark Hoover and Mark Young are to be congratulated on pulling off the two gigantic meetings which honor the outstanding students from Abilene and Wylie. So many phone calls, applications, letters, name tags, certificates, and other details have to be done just so. Thank you gentlemen. All Kiwanians should be proud of these up and coming young adults in our community.

### **ROAD TRIP!!!**

On June 8 our regular meeting will be held at the Ben Richey Boys Ranch Pavilion. We have been invited to be their guests for lunch. We will donate our "lunch money" that day to the Boys Ranch (this was the decision of the board, not in any way a request from the Boys Ranch). This day will be made more fun with our Pancake Day Wrap-up with thanks and awards going to all those who helped.

There are a few items from the Silent Auction which were never picked up (after each "winner" being called three times). So--look forward to a live auction with our own outstanding auctioneer, Doug Williamson. Bring your money!

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# KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

## Weekly Meeting May 18, 2011

### Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Lora Lynn Christensen
Prayer.....	Russell Berry
Music .....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Piano .....	Jamie Breed
Pledge .....	Roy Dent
Guests .....	Kirk Hancock
Brag Basket Collected .....	\$29.00
Cup Money .....	\$30.30
Kiwanian of the Week introducer .....	Keith Garner
Kiwanian of the Week.....	Ricki Brown

### Guests

Guests.....	Guest of Member
Heidi Kelley.....	Kelly Jones
Becky Rentz.....	Jack Rentz
Ketta Garduno.....	Club
Debby Pelant.....	Club
Donna King.....	Mark Young

### In our prayers

- Bedford Furr who is in Hendrick Hospital. Bedford has been moved to a room now, and can have visitors, however please call before visiting
- Dorothy Dowell, wife of Gordon Dowell
- Van Boozer who is undergoing medical testing
- Remember Jarrell Young who is recovering from Hip Replacement surgery
- Pray for Jim Miller
- Remember Bill and Ginger Zavatson and health issues for them
- H.B. Terry's sister passed away
- Remember Leonard Brock who is at the Oaks at Radford Hills, room 40
- Remember Clarence Presswood who would sure like to see visitors
- Remember to pray for students graduating from high school and college and they take their next step in life.
- Russell Berry's mother passed away

### Last week's program

Mark Young introduced our speaker, City Councilman Anthony Williams. Councilman Williams gave the following advice to our graduates.

Always wear sunscreen – It's was the only advice he'll give that has scientific support.

Other words of wisdom he imparted were:

- Enjoy the power and beauty of youth
- Listen – one is never too old, too cool, or too accomplished to listen

- Don't be reckless with other's hearts
- Read the directions even if you don't follow them
- Be nice to your siblings
- Remember the compliments and forget the criticism

- Don't worry about the future
- Don't waste your time with jealousy
- Be kind to your knees
- Always wear sunscreen

Mark Young announced the Foundation Scholarship awards. Five \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to: Karen Duke, Sharon Flanders, Christy Wilson, Rebecca Swenson, Zachery Ferrell

### Our newest members

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

### Prayer Breakfast coming June 2nd

Russell Berry communicated the Division 35 annual Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for June 2nd at Bobbie Wolfe's barn again this year. Sign up sheets will be available at the next two meetings and a number count is needed by May 30th.

### Pancake Report:

Ticket Sales: Jack Rentz \$50.00, Russell Berry \$20.00, Lora Lynn Christensen \$20.00, Earl Williams \$10.00

### Club elections

In last week's meeting, we re-elected two very hard-working Kiwanians, Secretary Faye Dodson and Treasurer Ricki Brown. Faye and Ricki, thanks for your service.

Nominations Committee Chairman Mark Young announced five nominees for the three vice president spots: Will Smith, Roy Dent, Rob Allen, Kirk Hancock and Mark Hoover. We will have paper ballots at our May 25th meeting.

### Pancake \$\$\$

Jerry Harris presented a check to Debby Pelant for Just Girls and Don Scargall presented a check to Ketta Garduno for Reagan Elementary School.

### Gumballs

\$446.52 received today for a grand total of \$247,595.28

# Kiwanis Snaps



**This is Christine Curtis-Carr, “The Grill/Smoker Winner” and “New Member” and “Team Captain” for the Annie Oakley Team for Pancake Sales. Note her concern over missed meetings---she has that Kiwanis Heart to be certain...**



**Heidi Kelley, the new Executive Director of the Abilene Philharmonic, was Kelly Jones' guest at our meeting.**



**Jerry Harris presented \$400 to Debby Pelant from Just Girls.**



**Don Scargall presented \$960 to Ketta Garduno, principal at Reagan Elementary.**

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## SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE

*by Randy Williams*

Marian Wright Edelman, founder and spokesperson for the Children’s Defense Fund, once said, “Service is the rent we pay for being. It is the very purpose of life, and not something you do in your spare time.”

Have you recently given thought to why you became a Kiwanian? Was it because you were compelled to live a life of service to others?

In I Peter 4:10, the Apostle Paul said, “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

So, what gift are you sharing? Are you active at all in the club or do you just show up with an expectation of being entertained for an hour or so on Wednesdays? Every one of you bring to our club unique gifts. Your age is not the issue.

My Grandpa Tom thought he had become somewhat useless as he grew into his 80’s and became disabled having lost his leg to a blood clot. But his words were so filled with wisdom. The wisdom of his years and experiences that he passed on to his kids, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. I so miss that.

You are part of a wonderful organization called the Kiwanis Club of Abilene. Let me encourage you to remember why you have come to this organization and just how valuable your contribution, your gift is to our members.

You want to “Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time”? Activate your gift and “pay your rent!”

# WITH HIGHEST HONOR

Photos by Charles Kirkpatrick



Johnathan McMichael and Gillian Chant (ACHS); Harris Holley and Kate LeMasters (AHS); Grayson Hurst and Nathan Carmichael (CHS); Courtney Merket and Allie Preston (WHS)



Anthony Williams



Christy Wilson



Karen Duke

*Congratulations to all our high school  
and university graduates*

## CALENDAR

- June 2 ..... Division 35 Prayer Breakfast  
Bobbie Wolfe's Barn 6:45 am to 7:50 am.
- June 8 ..... Pancake Day Wrap Up  
Ben Richey Boys Ranch pavilion
- June 14 ..... Division Council Meeting  
6:30 pm Cotton Patch Restaurant
- June 16 ..... Board Meeting 12:00 noon, Bogie's Sandwich Shop
- July 7-10.....96th Annual Kiwanis International Convention  
Geneva Switzerland
- August 25-29..... Tx Ok Convention at Sea



## Presidential Pause continued

Do NOT come to the Abilene Country Club on June 8th; help remind those who do not receive the Kiwanigram by email, please.

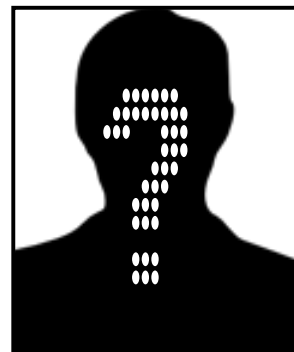
To add to the fun--everyone wear your new Kiwanis Club of Abilene shirts and hats. Some of you may have a different dress code for work that day--we'll forgive you for not wearing Kiwanis blue, maybe.

## Historical moments

In 1983:

- Russell Berry one of the three vice presidents.
- The Kiwanis Club was asked to furnish personnel to handle parking at the LaJet Golf Classic at Fairway Oaks. Mel Coltharp, Henry McGinty and Jerome Vannoy served as Co-Chairmen. They used Henry's travel trailer complete with telephone as headquarters. A total of 90 Kiwanians donated in excess of 750 man hours. Members manned the parking lot with three shifts of Kiwanians for the five day period. The club received \$1546, which was placed in the Community Service Fund.
- The Kiwanis Club of Abilene began volunteer work with Meals on Wheels. The Club was assigned Route 23 which covered the Northeast and East Abilene. Steve Hughes volunteered to be the Project Coordinator. Bedford Furr and Jim Jennings were the first to volunteer for this service.
- The Club presented a check for \$1500 to help purchase the old fire station on South 7th Street for the Day Care Center for the Elderly and a check for \$1000 to Hospice of Abilene.
- The club presented \$500 as seed money for the Food Bank of Abilene.
- Club size: 270 members, 50 new that year, largest Club in the District.

## KIWANIAN OF THE WEEK



1. I was born in Knox City, TX.
2. I grew up in Knox City, TX.
3. I moved to Abilene from Phoenix, AZ.
4. I have lived in Abilene for 17 years.
5. Schools I attended include Knox City High School and Midwestern State University.
6. My Kiwanis offices Include Director, Vice President, President-Elect, Distinguished President, and Distinguished Lt. Governor.
7. My hobby is reading.

*Last week's Kiwanian of the Week was  
Ricki Brown*

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### 2010-2011 OFFICERS

Lora Lynn Christensen - President  
Mark Young - Immediate Past President  
Charles Kirkpatrick - President-Elect  
Mark Hoover - Vice President  
Marty Anderson - Vice President  
Mac Sipe - Vice President  
Ricki Brown - Treasurer  
Faye Dodson - Secretary  
Henry McGinty - Assistant Secretary  
Kimberley Cole - Foundation Advisor

### 2010-2011 DIRECTORS

Two Year:	One Year:
Twyla Young	Rob Allen
Kirk Hancock	Roy Dent
Guy Lucas,	Lew Lewis
Royce Manning	Dick Kincaid
Will Smith	Don Paige