

## **UPDATE FROM THE STATE LEGISLATURE** **Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, July 27, 2011**

Sen. Troy Fraser will update our club on the recently completed regular and special sessions of the Texas Legislature this week.

He was elected in 1996 to serve Senate District 24, a 21-county region that is located in the geographic center of Texas.

Key cities in the district include Abilene, Brownwood, Belton, Fredericksburg, Killeen, Kerrville, Marble Falls, Stephenville and Temple. It also contains two major military installations, Fort Hood near Killeen, and Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene.

Elected by his fellow Senators in June, Senator Fraser is currently serving as President Pro Tempore of the Texas Senate. As President Pro-Tempore, Fraser is third in line for the Governor's seat and will be given the responsibility over the next 18 months to serve in that capacity in the event that Governor Rick Perry and Lieutenant Governor David Dewhurst are out of the state.

Senator Fraser serves as chairman of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources. This committee handles the flow of legislation in a number of policy areas, including water resources, air quality, oil and gas, waste, agriculture, and parks and wildlife.

Senator Fraser also sits on the following standing Senate committees: Business and Commerce, State Affairs, Nominations, and International Relations & Trade.

Since his election in 1996, Senator Fraser has been



consistently ranked by leading organizations as one of the most conservative members of the Texas Senate for his voting record on fiscal and social issues. For his pro-business, pro-Texas voting record during the 2007 legislative session, he was named a "Champion of Free Enterprise" by the Texas Association of Business.

Senator Fraser has been recognized for his outstanding leadership and received numerous awards. In 2003, he was honored as the State Official of the Year by the National Association of Home Builders. He was also recognized in 2003 by Texans for Lawsuit Reform for his contributions to civil justice reform in Texas. In 2004, Senator Fraser was honored by the Association of the United States Army for his exceptional service

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

What a great day at Kiwanis last Wednesday!

Two new yellow ribbons for our newest members and a great program about opportunities for the youth of our community through a Christian-oriented organization, the Abilene Youth Sports Authority. Thank you Mike Walls for a very informative program.

### **Horsin' Around**

This week Kiwanians have a chance to do hands on community service: working the welcome gate at the

4-H Horse Show. This has been a decades-long project for our club. Please wear a Kiwanis shirt or cap so the out-of-town visitors will know that Kiwanians are very active in Abilene.

### **Historical moment 1992**

- Chris Carnohan is president.
- Quote from the history page: "President Chris Carnohan brings to each meeting a story. Sometimes

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# KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE Weekly Meeting July 20, 2011 Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Lora Lynn Christensen
Prayer.....	Guinn Smith
Music .....	Travis Dodson
Piano .....	Jamie Breed
Pledge .....	Will Smith
Guests .....	Jerry Carter
Photographs .....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Brag Basket.....	\$6.00
Cup Money .....	\$35.44

## In our prayers

- Remember Tom Aguilar whose wife passed away recently. Services were held on Friday July 8th.
- Don Riddle – Health issues
- Jarrell Young – Diagnosed with cancer and several complications at this time. Jarrell is in Skilled Nursing at Abilene Regional and may get to return home within the next few day.
- Remember Bill and Ginger Zavatson and health issues for them-it was sure good to see Bill at the meeting this week
- Remember Leonard Brock who is at the Oaks at Radford Hills, room 40
- Remember Clarence Presswood
- Remember Ron Carroll’s grandson who is in Afghanistan and all men and women serving in the military to protect our freedom.

## Guest

<b>Guest.....</b>	<b>Guest of Member</b>
Reed Stafford.....	Jonathan Gibbs
Roma Howard.....	George Woodfin
George Woodfin.....	Greater Abilene
Kevin McSherry .....	Greater Abilene
Bobbie Bieberly.....	Greater Abilene
Richard Melton.....	Greater Abilene

## Last week’s program

Charles Kirkpatrick introduced Mike Walls, who spoke on the work of the Abilene Youth Sports Authority. AYSA Executive Director Jon Smith also participated in the program.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Y’all come

Weekly attendance has remained low this summer. We hope you will make every effort to attend and welcome our visitors this week.

State Senator Troy Fraser will be the speaker on July 27th. We have invited all clubs in Division 35 to join us for this important presentation from Senator Fraser as he provides a report from the recent legislative session.

## Horse Show help needed

**WE NEED YOU!** For the State 4-H Horse Show – Gate C (Shotwell Stadium Side)

Our club works the gate Monday July 25-Saturday July 30. You can sign up on line at <http://taylor-tx.tamu.edu/> or call Amy at 672-6048. We need as many as possible to sign up since we do not have as many volunteers as in the past that took extra duty such as Bud Coke and Jarrel Young.

Note to those volunteering, we will be at Gate C- Shotwell Stadium this year. This is a change from where we usually are. The volunteer list is available at the web-site indicated above, or by going to the Kiwanis Facebook page. If you have already signed up, thank you. If you have not there is still plenty of room available and your help is needed. At least 30 slots are still available.

Please contact Gary Bomar if need additional information at [bomarlittlegrape@gmail.com](mailto:bomarlittlegrape@gmail.com).

## Recent Interclub

July 16 - Club Leadership Training held in Abilene. The purpose of the training was to equip incoming presidents and secretaries for their new roles. The meeting was led by Gene Linder, member of the Key City North Abilene club, and members of our club in attendance were Incoming Lt. Gov. Carl Lockett, Incoming President Charles Kirkpatrick, Secretary Faye Dodson and Will Smith.

## Help for Joplin Victims

Remember to bring school supplies for students and teachers to help those affected by the tornado in Joplin, Missouri. July 27th will be our final day to collect supplies and money for this project. This is a Division 35 project through the month of July. Contact Nancy Miller for additional details. Thank you for your support of this very important opportunity.



## Did you know ?

Our President Lora Lynn Christensen’s birthday is Tuesday, July 26th. OK, it’s the anniversary of her birth, not really her birthday. Let’s see, Lora Lynn, you are how young?



From top left:

- **AYSA Board member Mike Walls presented the program.**
- **AYSA Executive Director Jon Smith assisted Mike Walls with the program.**
- **Reed Stafford, right, was a guest of Jonathan Gibbs.**



**Richard Melton, George Woodfin, Kevin McSherry, and Bobbie Bieberly were part of an Interclub from the Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene.**



**Roma Howard was a guest of George Woodfin of the Greater Abilene club.**

### **Congrats to Jonathan Gibbs**

Congratulations to Jonathan Gibbs, who was recently promoted to Administrator at Windcrest Alzheimer’s Care Center.

## **SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE** *By Randy Williams*

The book of I Kings tells us that King Solomon asked God for Wisdom. As a result, history shows that he became the wisest man of his time.

I have spent this week in commissioners’ court listening to county department heads present their proposed budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. It always sounds great and reasonable and necessary, however, I know that we can’t give them everything they think they need.

Now, as Clint Eastwood said, “A man’s got to know his limitations.”

I ask God for wisdom to see, through His Spirit,

what I should do.

How often do you ask God for wisdom in your decision making?

Typically, we muddle along under our own thinking process and we don’t turn to the Father until we “hit the wall” so to speak.

Imagine how much time in worry and concern that we might save ourselves if we would just approach the throne of God on a regular basis and ask His guidance in our day-to-day life decisions.

You want to “Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time”? Ask God!

### **Presidential Pause continued**

the value of his stories are questioned as to humor or content.”

- Six Kiwanians contributed 32 man hours to help paint a residence belonging to Harmony Family

Services.

- Ten Kiwanians worked 36 volunteer hours to make the Mend A Child Golf Tournament a success.
- The Club supported the Children’s Miracle Network Telethon in the amount of \$2,265.



## Troy Fraser continued

in support of national defense.

In 2006, Senator Fraser was named the top Legislator in the nation by the American Legislative Exchange Council, the association for state legislators, as a result of Fraser's landmark legislation passed in the areas of telecommunications, electricity deregulation, renewable energy, and property and casualty insurance.

In 2008, Fraser received the "Wind Champion Legacy" award from The Wind Coalition for his vision in enacting state policy that allowed for the growth of the wind industry.

Prior to his election to the Texas Senate in 1996, Senator Fraser served three terms in the Texas House of Representatives, from 1988 to 1992. As a member of the Texas House, Fraser was named the 1991 National Republican Legislator of the Year and honored by the Texas State Chamber for his work as co-sponsor of the 1989 workers' compensation reform legislation. He was also named a "Top Ten" conservative legislator

by a coalition representing more than 300,000 conservative activists.

Senator Fraser is a longtime business, civic and Republican Party leader. He has served as a chamber of commerce president and as Chairman of the Economic Development Council. He has also been a Little League coach, Rotary president, and was chosen Lions Club Man of the Year.

Senator Fraser is the founder and former chief development officer of Pal-Ex, Inc., an international, publicly traded company. Pal-Ex's predecessor, Fraser Industries, began as a small backyard operation in West Texas, and expanded to become one of the nation's largest manufacturers and recyclers of wooden pallets.

Born August 10, 1949, in Abilene, Fraser was raised in the small West Texas town of Coahoma. He attended Angelo State University and the University of Texas at Arlington. He has been married to his wife, the former Linda Cochran, for 40 years. They have three children and four grandchildren.

## CALENDAR

Aug. 3: Club meeting @ noon Abilene Country Club  
Gaye Lynn Williams will tell us about a specialized reading program for children.

August 9: Division Council Meeting - 6:30 p.m. -  
Cotton Patch Restaurant (Note: No Division Council meeting in July)

Aug. 17: Club meeting @ noon Abilene Country Club  
Chef Sandy Davis will talk to us about the TSTC Culinary Institute here in Abilene, and he'll share his thoughts on future trends in food.

Aug. 18: Board Meeting - Bogie's Downtown - Noon

August 25-29: Tx Ok Convention at Sea

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