

## **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF ABILENE** **Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, August 10, 2011**

Our own Past President Mark Young will speak to us Wednesday on the Boys and Girls Club of Abilene , where he is Executive Director.

Mark describes his life like this.

Born in Stephenville, raised between Amarillo and Canyon with my five brothers where we hunted buffalo, raced coyotes, and twirled badgers for fun (okay the buffalo, coyotes and badgers... that didn't happen but...I did go all twelve years of school at Canyon).

Graduated Canyon High, went to college at Amarillo College, West Texas STATE University (there is no WTAMU in my history...) and graduated from ACU with a BAS in liberal arts with emphasis on ministry, communication, and psychology.

Moved to Abilene in 1985 to work as a machinist for General Dynamics/Lockheed-Martin and stayed there until it closed in 1996. Worked at the Abilene State School from 1997 to 2005 in the Community Relations Department as the Volunteer Coordinator, Grant Writer and Assistant Director. Became the Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Abilene on July 15th, 2005 and have just finished my 6th year.

Outside activities: I am a member of the Speakers Club of Abilene, P-16 Council, Mesquite Storytellers, Juvenile Justice Association (VP), and have done some things with the Kiwanis Club of Abilene.

Hobbies: Love to fish, hunt, thrash at small white spherical objects with overpriced sticks on prettified cow pastures (golf), write, and especially, I love to



Photo courtesy of Kimberley Cole

spend time laughing and chatting with Twyla.

Honors received: Twyla married me and that really is the only honor that matters.

Family: Twyla and I have six children - Crystal Hickerson and her husband Jason (of Irvine, CA, but soon to be of Paris, France), Jeremiah Young (Jr. at UT), Kacey Young (Memphis, TN), Kara Young (L.A.), Luke Marshall (Jr. Texas Tech), and Suzanna Marshall (Senior at Cooper). We have one grandbaby, **Elle** Hickerson, who makes the word "grand" seem like such an inferior adjective... is phenomenal baby a title?

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

Not only do we have great Kiwanis Club members who can give marvelous programs, but some members have very knowledgeable spouses who can present inspiring programs.

Thank you Randy Williams for arranging and introducing Gaye Lynn Williams who talked about the seven kinds of smarts.

Hopefully every one present was inspired to look at any children they deal with in a new way.

### **Big meeting coming Sept. 28th**

The Club's Celebrations Banquet was already held in February when we celebrated our 90th anniversary in a really big way.

Our "year end celebration" will be on the regularly scheduled Wednesday noon meeting on September 28.

Every Kiwanian is encouraged to attend, and encouraged to invite spouses or other guests.

Please plan on wearing Hixson awards and other

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# KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

## Weekly Meeting August 3, 2011

### Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Lora Lynn Christensen
Prayer.....	Mark Young
Music .....	Don Scargall
Piano .....	Tim Adcock
Pledge .....	Marty Anderson & David Batson
Guests .....	David Batson & Marty Anderson
Photographs .....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Brag Basket by Roy Cloud .....	\$10.00
Cup Money .....	\$33.51

### In our prayers

- Nancy Miller reports that her sister, Mary Fikes is recovering nicely from recent back surgery. Thank you for your continued prayers.
- Remember Tom Aguilar whose wife passed away recently.
- Don Riddle – Health issues
- LuGene Lewis – Health issues
- Jarrell Young -- He has another complication, a blood clot in his leg. The doctor put him on Coumadin and gave him some injections in the stomach to hurry up the dissolving of the clot.
- 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
- Remember Ron Carroll’s grandson who is in Afghanistan and all men and women serving in the

- military to protect our freedom
- Pray for local, state and federal leaders

### Guests

Guest.....Guest of Member  
Nedra Pape ..... Club

### Meet our new members

New Member..... Sponsor  
Ronnie Laurance ..... Faye Dodson  
John Ruiz ..... Bill Hoogstra  
Roy Cloud ..... Russell Berry  
T-Roy Dodson ..... Faye Dodson  
Christine Curtis-Carr..... Faye Dodson  
Tim Adcock ..... Lora Lynn Christensen

### Last week’s program

Randy Williams introduced Gaye Lynn Williams as his “best half”. Gaye Lynn, married to Randy for 31 years and a teacher at Long elementary presented an informative program titled the 7 Smarts of Children. She discussed each category and provided “word pictures” to help us remember the different groups. Congratulations to Jamie Breed who successfully named each category which were:

- Word Smart
- Math and Logic Smart
- Picture Smart
- Body Smart
- Music Smart
- People Smart
- Self Smart

### Presidential Pause continued

Kiwanis paraphernalia on that day of celebrating as we honor the Kiwanian of the Year, the Bailey Choate Award Recipient and thank the outgoing Board and Committee Chairmen for a job well done this year.

We want a full house as we look back at the past year and look forward to the new Kiwanis year with Charles Kirkpatrick and crew.

### Historical moment 1994

- Nancy Miller was president.
- Kiwanians donated 1,236 hours of work at the West Texas Fair.
- Roy Lewis, Foundation President announced that an anonymous member had offered to match dollar for dollar all donations to the Foundation between Dec. 1 and June 1, 1994 up to \$5,000.00. The challenge was met and result in a total of \$10,000

in the Foundation.

- Community Service Committee chaired by Zelma Wade reported 17 hours of work for Hospice of Abilene, 80 hours for Habitat for Humanity, and 80 lbs of food for the Food Bank.
- Henry McGinty Day was celebrated on January 19, 1994 when he was honored for his service to Kiwanis, Boy Scouting, State School, and the community of Abilene. Henry was presented with a 45 year Legion of Honor pin, a certificate and a book of Kiwanis Memories.
- On July 27 the club met with the Chamber of Commerce in a dedication program to honor Sam Waldrop, former Kiwanian, and former Chairman of the Texas State Department of Highways and Public Transportation. The Sam Waldrop Interchange at U.S. Highway 83/84 and Loop 322 was dedicated



Left to right, It was great to see John Thomas back this week after a lengthy absence. Nedra Pape, President of the Aktion Club was our guest this week.

Lora Lynn doing another excellent job presiding at the club meeting. Randy Williams introduced his wife, Gaye Lynn, who presented the program.

## What is The Eliminate Project?

Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to save the lives of babies and their mothers by eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus (MNT), a disease that kills an estimated 60,000 newborns and a significant number of women each year. UNICEF Ambassador and actor Tea Leoni delivered the announcement at the 95th Annual Kiwanis International Convention.

“Kiwanis believes that no baby or mother should

have to suffer the devastating effects of MNT,” said Kiwanis International President Paul Palazzolo. “Kiwanis will mobilize its nearly 600,000 family members to become tireless advocates for these children and raise needed funds to defeat this deadly disease.”

Kiwanis has committed to raising \$110 million to fight MNT worldwide.

Want to learn more? Just go to:

[www.theeliminateproject.org](http://www.theeliminateproject.org)

## A Word of Thanks from the 4-H Horse Show

Please express my appreciation to the membership of your Kiwanis club for the continued support at the state 4-H Horse Show. Community support such as this is what keeps the state Horse Show in Abilene.

Thanks again  
Kit Horne

### Membership focus for August is City & County Employees

Membership focus for August is City and County Employees. At least 2 new members are needed by September 30th for the club to be recognized as “Distinguished.” This is a doable and certainly worthy goal. Remember, “More members equal more hands and feet to serve the community.”



## CALENDAR

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

Aug. 23: Aktion Club Meeting interclub - Maps available on 8/10/11-Join us for a great time with Aktion Club members.

Aug. 24: Club meeting @ noon Abilene Country Club

We've invited the four local high school football coaches to give us their perspectives on the upcoming season. This is always one of the favorite programs of the year. You'll want to bring guests with you.

August 25-29: Tx Ok Convention at Sea

(President Lora Lynn Christensen and Nancy Miller plan to attend)

## Upcoming birthdays

Aug 13: Twyla Young

Aug 14: Tom M. Aguilar

Aug 20: Price Brock

Aug 20: Margaret A. Hoogstra

Aug 21: Ricki Brown

Aug 23: Leonard Brock

Aug 25: Henry H. McGinty



## Service footprint

Service is at the heart of every Kiwanis International club, no matter where in the world it's located. Kiwanis members stage nearly 150,000 service projects, devote more than 6 million hours of service and raise nearly US\$107 million every year for communities, families and projects. Key Club members pitch in 12 million hours of service each year, and CKI members another 500,000 hours of service! Aktion club members donate another 92,000 hours of service every year. Add it all up, and that's more than 18 million hours of service every year!

## 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.

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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

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

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