

MELVIN MARTIN FIRST RESPONDER AWARD

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, September 14, 2011

This year's Melvin Martin First Responder Award is being presented to a group of people with whom we have become all-too familiar.

We are proud to recognize the Texas Forest Service with our prestigious First Responder Award, named after former Abilene Police Chief and Kiwanis Club of Abilene member Melvin Martin.



Kim Vickers

We cannot thank the Texas Forest Service and all the firefighters enough for the life- and property-saving work they have performed in the last many months.

Our keynote speaker will be Kim Vickers.

Kim is from Abilene, which he still calls home on weekends. He has been married to his wife, Chrys, for 38 years and has two children; Eric is 31 and is a crimes against persons detective with the Abilene Police Department, and Jennifer is 29 and is a doctor in New York City. Kim has two grandchildren in Abilene.

Kim served for 27 years with the Abilene Police Department in a wide variety of capacities. Positions there included specialties such as training officer and oversight of the applicant selection process, detective, and Public Information Officer. He was Commander of the Critical Missing Response Team, which gained nationwide attention when it handled and quickly solved the first Amber Alert stranger kidnapping case in Texas. Kim served as a School Resource Officer



for Abilene High School, and taught a Criminal Justice class to high school students. He also served as a Patrol Sergeant and as a Sergeant over the Youth Division. He is nationally recognized as an expert instructor and consultant in the area of Family Violence dynamics and law. He has drafted several pieces of Texas family violence law, has testified as an expert witness before Texas Senate and House Committees, and is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the National Council on Family Violence and National Domestic Violence Hotline.

Upon retirement in 2006 from the Abilene Police Department, Kim began working as a Field Service Agent for the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. He then promoted to the position of Director of Education and Credentialing, where he had oversight of all police, jailer, and telecommunicator training and licensing in Texas. Kim has recently been promoted to his current position of Executive Director of the agency.

Kim has 26 years of teaching and education experience including teaching a variety of courses for universities, departments, academies, and associations across Texas, and has extensive experience in various public speaking venues.

We extend our sympathies to the families of two of our members who passed away last. We all will miss Jim Miller and Don Riddle. Jim's funeral was Friday and Don's is Monday (Sept. 12) at 10 a.m. at Pioneer Drive Baptist Church. Their service to Kiwanis, the children and our community lives on.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting September 7, 2011

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Lora Lynn Christensen
Prayer.....	James Sheilds
Music	Russell Berry
Piano	Tim Adcock
Guests	Don Paige
Photographs	Charles Kirkpatrick
Brag Basket by Twyla Young.....	\$3.00
Cup Money	\$30.27

In our prayers

- Pray for the family of Jim Miller. Jim passed away on September 5th and memorial services were held on Friday September 9th.
- Pray for the family of Don Riddle. Don passed away on September 9th.
- Van Boozer (received pace maker 9/7/11.
- H.B. Terry and LuGene Lewis – Health issues
- Jarrell Young – is home now. Remember to keep Jarrell in your prayers.
- 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
- Pray for rain. In addition remember to pray for Governor Rick Perry and for those dealing with wild fires across the state of Texas.

Guests

Guest.....	Guest of Member
Jill Coleman	Key City North
Gene Linder	Key City North

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supporting Aktion

Nancy Miller expressed appreciation to the club for providing funds for travel to the Aktion Club Conference which will be held September 9th and 10th.

Nancy Miller, Twyla Young, Aktion Club President, Nedra Pape and Nedra’s care provider will attend the conference.

Magical Mystery Show

Gene Linder with Key City North announced their fall fund raiser “Magical Mystery Show” to be held on Tuesday October 4th at the Paramount Theatre. Tickets are \$8.00 per person and available from any Key City North Kiwanian or by calling 676-9306.

Reaching ‘Distinguished’

Kirk Hancock announced at the last board meeting that the September focus on membership will be 3D. At least 3 members needed by September 30th for “Distinguished” status.

Interclubs this Week

September 6: Downtown Abilene attendees were: Donald McDonald, Glyn Hammons, Richard Kincaid, and William Smith

September 7: Stamford attendees were: Carl Lockett, Dennis Laster, Richard Kincaid and William Smith

CALENDAR

September 13: Division Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ Cotton Patch Restaurant.

Incoming Vice Presidents, this would be a great opportunity for you to attend and learn more about the “bigger picture.” All Kiwanians are encouraged to attend, especially new members.

September 14: Club meeting @ noon Abilene Country Club. Kim Vickers, Director of Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. We also will present our annual First Responders Award.

September 15: Kiwanis Club of Abilene Board meeting – noon @ Bogies

September 21: Club meeting @ noon Abilene Country Club. Dr. Sandy Hazelip speaks to us on senior citizen health issues.

September 28: Club meeting @ noon Abilene Country Club Final meeting of 2010-2011 year This will be a time of celebration and recognition of accomplishments during the year. Make plans now to bring your spouse or another potential member.



Gene Linder of Key City North was a guest.



Jill Cole of Key City North was a guest.



Pam McGrew introduced the program.



Libby Conally gave a presentation on the Alzheimer's Assoc.

PRESIDENTIAL PAUSE *by Lora Lynn Christensen*

Once again the program committee, Jamie Breed, chairman, made us glad we came to a meeting. Not one but two great programs at one time!

We received great information from two very important organizations: one that helps so many families in our area, the Alzheimer's Association, Libby Conally, Executive Director and one who rescues young women from the sex trade,

Linda Egle, representing Eternal Threads. Kiwanis pancake dollars help in countless ways at home and abroad.

With very heavy hearts we remember two members lost in death this week: Jim Miller and Don Riddle. Two men who worked quietly behind the scenes. They came every Wednesday very early and left a little late. They passed out our song books and the donation cups; made sure banners were hung and new patches were attached to banners; counted money and dozens of other minor details. Hopefully we occasionally remember to say "thank you." I'm sure it was not often enough.

We have lost six dear Kiwanis friends during the past year. The friendships made through Kiwanis run deep and last through decades.

Please take a moment to express your appreciation to the friends at your table this week and please remember those who work tirelessly from week to week to make our meetings so successful and enjoyable.

The history of our club is on our web site. Sid Pass and Henry McGinty spent many hours reading through a year's worth of Kiwanigrams at a time and writing a synopsis for each year. If you have enjoyed the snippets gleaned from these histories throughout the past year, I encourage you to read them in their entirety. Thank Charles Kirkpatrick for making this history eas-



Lora Lynn presented a donation to Linda Egle of Eternal Threads

ily accessible by including on the web site.

As a member, I'm sure you get tired of hearing the Kiwanis leadership at all levels pleading with you to recruit new members. Kiwanis is a great organization with 96 years of helping people all over the world. It is an organization worthy of surviving another 96 years, at least. Without new members this will not happen. All those dollars raised for Children's Miracle Network, Boys and Girls Club and another hundred or so organizations, all those pre-schoolers' eyes that need screening, all those children who need someone to read to them, all those ramps built for handicap accessibility, all the medical clinics and summer camps supported by Kiwanis worldwide, all of these will not happen.

Please share with someone what being a Kiwanian means to you. Let your enthusiasm be the best recruiting tool of all.

SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE

By Randy Williams

A couple evenings ago I was out in the country and stopped to just enjoy the cool breezes that I had not felt for some time.

It was right at sundown and I was suddenly struck with the beauty of the sky and the clouds. The colors were so vivid and shapes of the clouds looked like feathers. The sun was barely visible behind dark clouds and shafts of light fanned out across the horizon.

I just stood there for several minutes.

It occurred to me, no human hand could paint this.

Right at that moment an old hymn came to my mind: "There is beyond the azure blue, a God concealed from human sight. He tints the skies with heav-

only hue and framed the worlds with His great might."

Though I agree with the sentiments of the song, I don't know that I agree that God is "concealed". In fact, I'd would argue just the opposite.

Where do you see Him? You will if you will just take the time to stop and look. He's in the fresh scent of a newly fallen rain. He flows in the fragrance of a beautifully exploding rose. He sparkles in the sweet eyes of that baby, grand daughter, or grand son. He's all around you.

You want to "Change the World, One Child and One Community at a time?" Live your life like God is all around you... because He Is!

Upcoming birthdays

Sept 15: George W. Knight	Nov 1 Ken A. Poynor
Sept 17: Jamie Breed	Nov 2 Jack Harkins
Sept 19: Lynda Fogerson	Nov 3 Brice West
Sept 21: Pete Oldham	Nov 4 LuGene Lewis
Sept 22: Pamela McGrew	Nov 10 James L. Shields
Sept 24: Lou Briley	Nov 17 Jerry C. Carter
Sept 28: Roy Cloud	Nov 22 John Ruiz
Oct. 2: John Thomas	Nov 25 Jud Powell
Oct 13 Bobbie Wolfe	Nov 26 Raymond McDaniel
Oct 22 Rosanna T. Herndon	Nov 27 Christine Curtis-Carr
Oct 23 Manuel Longoria	Dec 9 Curtis Blackburn
Oct 26 James Cassle	Dec 9 Gordon Dowell

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 Ak-tion Clubs for adults living with disabilities—to reach more people and have a greater service impact on their communities.

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