

BUT NOT A DROP TO DRINK

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Russell Berry has organized this week's program focused on our water supply.

If only we had enough water, we could have a General Motors vehicle factory here. Well, that old adage probably wasn't true then, and now, maybe we don't want one anyway. ☺

But seriously, have you ever been without water? The majority of current Abilenians do not know what that is like.

Well, at one time in the '50s, Lake Abilene and Lake Kirby were dry and Lake Fort Phantom was really getting critically low. Those conditions understandably got the attention of our city and area leaders. That's when the process to build a reservoir on Hubbard Creek was born, which in turn gave birth to the West Central Texas Municipal Water District. The participating cities agreeing to partner in the project were Abilene, Albany, Anson, and Breckenridge. The Districts charge was to "deliver raw water to customers on demand according to contract," and that's what we have been doing since 1973.

The District is governed by 12 Board of Directors: 6 from Abilene, 2 each from Albany, Anson, and Breckenridge. We have offices in Abilene and Breckenridge and to keep water flowing to our member cities, we maintain the dam and associated structures, as well as a 57-mile pipeline to Abilene with 14 large electrical pumps operating at various horsepower levels. Along with that, we manage 28-miles of pipeline to the other 3 cities, two, 12-million-gallon capacity ground water storage tanks at a high point between Albany and Abilene as well as 4 other ground water storage tanks for Breckenridge, Albany, and Anson. We also manage the recreational elements of Hubbard Creek Reservoir. There are over 200 acres of recreational area, including 3 parks with boat launch sites that we maintain.

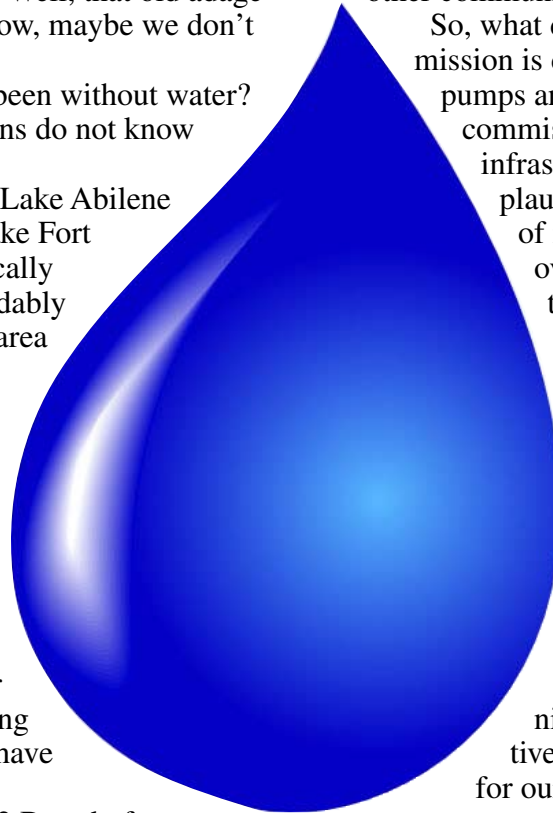
Of course, the vital and primary task is that we keep about 8-20+million gallons of water flowing every day to cover the demands of these 4 cities and other communities who purchase water from them.

So, what does the future hold as far as our mission is concerned? Since some of our pumps and pipeline are aging, we recently commissioned a study of the health of our infrastructure, and although we were applauded by the engineers for the quality of maintenance that had taken place over the years, the report indicated that we had to address 40-year old concerns. A decision about how to best address the District's aging infrastructure will be a challenge for the Board of Directors in the coming months/years. Our Board, along with District staff members, will have to research the best way to upgrade and/or replace the aging equipment and pipeline structures.

We have been, from the beginning idea, very encouraging and positive about an additional water source for our region. The Cedar Ridge project was presented to us several years ago, and the District is vitally interested in being a partner in whatever develops from that initiative.

For almost 24 years David Bell served as the District's General Manager. He retired at the end of September, so we have been diligently searching for an individual who can continue to provide the leadership we need in accomplishing all our missions. Hopefully within the month, that task will be complete.

The next time you turn on the faucet and enjoy that drink of good water, just remember the effort it took historically and presently for that to happen. And, please don't let the water run needlessly as you shave, brush your teeth, take a shower, clean the dishes, or water the yard. It is a very, very precious commodity.



KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
‘Walk The Talk’
Weekly Meeting October 19, 2011
Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Prayer.....	Mac Sipe
Music	Alan Eggleston
Piano	Lora Lynn Christensen
Pledge	James Hallmark
Guests	Don Paige
Photographs	David Jones
Cup Money	\$25.41
Brag Basket by Roy Cloud	\$7.00

In our prayers

- Remember the family of J.C. McCurdy. J.C. passed away on 10/21/11
- Remember the family of Clarence Presswood. Clarence passed away on 10/19/11
- Ricki Brown-hip replacement 10/10/11
- Gordon Dowell whose oldest brother passed away
- William Smith’s neighbor, Nancy Dole
- Van Boozer
- Jarrell Young – Praise Report: Jarrell had a PET scan which shows no sign of cancer. His Blood Clot is breaking up. He does have some infection in his abdomen and is receiving treatment.
- H.B. Terry, Bill and Ginger Zavatson and health issues for them
- Leonard Brock who is at the Oaks at Radford Hills, room 40
- Ron Carroll’s grandson who is in Afghanistan and our military men and women as they serve to protect our freedom

Guests

Guest.....	Guest of Member
James Dye	Carl Lockett
Mary Calvert	Mac Sipe
George Woodfin	Greater Abilene Club
Roma Howard	Greater Abilene Club
James Estes	Greater Abilene Club
Bobbi Bieberly	Greater Abilene Club

The program

Jamie Breed introduced Trena Ivy and three-year-old daughter Julia. Trena, who lives in Kenya, presented an extremely informative program on her ministry, His Cherished Ones, Inc.

Her passion for children was evident as she shared details of the program.

The purpose of this ministry is to promote the value



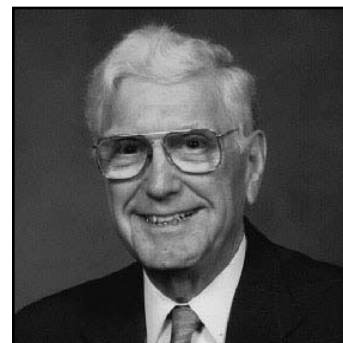
Trena Ivy

of family and to offer the hope of a future to those in need by showing the love of Christ. She discussed the Haven of Hope Baby Center, Cherished Handwork program for single mothers and a new program for teen boys which is a discipleship program teaching boys to become Godly men.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Clarence Presswood



J.C. McCurdy

Funerals Monday for 2 Kiwanians

On Wednesday and Friday of last week, we lost two long-time, hard-working Kiwanians, Clarence Presswood Jr. and J.C. McCurdy.

Clarence’s funeral will be Monday, October 24th, at 10 a.m. at Pioneer Drive Baptist Church.

J.C.’s funeral also will be Monday, October 24th, at 10 a.m. His will be at Hillcrest Church of Christ.

We will miss these fine gentlemen, and our prayers go out to their families.

‘Preciate it

We’ve received thank you notes from:

New Horizons: “We are so grateful for your generous donation in the amount of \$250.00.”

Day Nursery of Abilene: “Thank you for your contribution toward the Putt “Fore” Children”

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Meeting in a snap(shot)



A serious President
Charles Kirkpatrick



Alan Eggleston led
singing



Jamie Breed, right, with our speaker Trena Ivy
and her three-year-old daughter, Julia



Keith Garner, Bill Hoogstra, and John Ruiz
proudly wearing their Kiwanis shirts



Cherished Handwork display



Kiwanis is:
A global organization of
volunteers
Dedicated to changing the world
One child and one community at
a time
Walk the Talk!

You are invited

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene are invited to the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for the Melvin Martin Center for Children's Safety Police Education Center.

Thursday, October 27th
1:30 p.m.
2601 South 7th Street

There will be a tour and refreshments following the ceremony.

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I can see clearly

Here are the upcoming See By Three screenings of young children looking for “Lazy Eyes.”

It is 100% curable when IDed early. This is one of our very important annual project.

Contact Glyn Hammons at 673-7485 or glynbetty@aol.com to help with this important service project for children. Here are the upcoming dates:

October 25th, Tuesday: Happy Days Child Care
October 27th, Thursday: St. James Methodist CDC



November 3rd, Thursday: Anson Park Child Care Center

November 8th, Tuesday: FMC Learning Center
November 15th, Tuesday: Glo Day Care Center
All screenings begin at 9:00 a.m.

New directories

2011-2012 Kiwanis Club of Abilene Directories are here.

Ask for yours at the check-in desk next week.

A huge “Thanks” goes out to Lora Lynn Christensen for updating the directory this year.

A little House work

At least 2 House Committee members are needed. This committee is responsible for making the meeting room ready each Wednesday. Contact Charles Kirkpatrick for additional information.

CALENDAR

October 24: Clarence Presswood’s funeral, 10 a.m., Pioneer Drive Baptist Church

October 24: J.C. McCurdy’s funeral, 10 a.m., Hillcrest Church of Christ

October 26: Club Meeting, Noon, Abilene Country Club — Tommy O’Brien, City of Abilene Water Utilities

October 29: Family Weekend-Irving Texas-All Kiwanians are encouraged to attend, especially new members and club officers for 2011-2012

November 5: Big Country, Zone 8, Divisions 12-22-35-36. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Ranger Jr. College, located at Heartland Mall (300 Early Blvd., Early, Texas). Lunch, snacks, and drinks will be provided during this training session. A registration fee of \$10 per person will be collected to offset expenses.

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