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THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Our Thanksgiving program this year will be brought by one of our own members. James Shields will speak on "Some of the Implications of Thanksgiving."

James went to work at Howard Payne University in Brownwood in 1963 and continued to teach there until 1984. In 1984, he joined the faculty of the Logston School of Theology at Hardin-Simmons. He became a member of this club in January 1985.

At HSU he received the Cul- len Teaching Award in 1993; was named Senior Professor of The-

ology in 1995; and was elected Faculty Member of the Year in 1999, the year of his retirement. He is now Senior Professor of Theology, emeritus which at least means he gets complimentary football and basketball tickets.

His wife, Corrine, was a professional librarian and retired from the HSU library staff in 1995. They have a daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren who live in Montrose, Colorado. Their son, daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren live in Colorado City, Texas.



We Walk The Talk



Our ramp-building crew of Bill Hoogstra, Jerry Carter, Curtis Blackburn, Brice West and Kelly Jones spent last Saturday walking the talk.

Top right, everyone helps Bill. Left, Brice marks for a cut. Right, Curtis makes a cut.



KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
‘Walk The Talk’
Weekly Meeting November 9, 2011
Abilene Country Club

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| Led Meeting..... | Charles Kirkpatrick |
| Prayer..... | James Cassle |
| Music | Randy Williams |
| Piano | Jamie Breed |
| Pledge | Travis Dodson |
| Guests | David Jones |
| Photographs | David Jones |
| Cup Money | \$24.78 |
| Brag Basket by Roy Cloud | \$7.00 |

In our prayers

- William Smith-Medical testing
- Jarrell Young, H.B. Terry Leonard Brock, and Bill and Ginger Zavatson
- Our military men and women as they serve to protect our freedom

Guests

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| Guest..... | Guest of Member |
| Laretta Blackburn..... | Curtis Blackburn |
| Kristen Pierce..... | Randy Williams |
| Bobbie Bieberly | Greater Abilene |

The program

Charles Kirkpatrick introduced Cara Naizer and 8 members of “Red, Rhythm and Blues” from Cooper High School. The group opened the program by leading the audience in the National Anthem and God Bless America. Then they presented an exciting performance by singing shows tunes from “All Shook Up”. Some of those songs were:

Jail House Rock, My Temperature Is Rising, Crazy



Cooper’s Red, Rhythm and Blues performs.



Cara Naizer and one of her students join in Kiwanis singing.

Life-It’s You, It’s You and Twist and Shout.

This was a fun program to be certain and definitely enjoyed by those present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Glad you’re back

It was terrific to see Van Boozer and Ricki Brown at the meeting today.

A little closer to \$500,000

Gumball Chair “King” Earl Williams reported that we have 1,137 machines in operation. In October, \$405.56 was collected. That brings our total to \$250,414.16. I’ve got one word -- “WOW!”

Special recognition

President Charles Kirkpatrick recognized Glyn Hammons and the See By Three committee for the work they do as they screen children for vision problems. The group aided by Kiwanians from other clubs screen 3 and 4 year olds in local day care centers. This is certainly an important effort as early detection of problems can lead to correcting eye sight difficulties for a child.

Calendar

- Nov 16: Kiwanis Club of Abilene meeting, noon, Program - Thanksgiving Program – James Shields
- Nov. 17: Board Meeting – Bogie’s Sandwich Shop 12:00 noon
- Nov 23: No club meeting
- Nov 30: Kiwanis Club of Abilene meeting, noon, Program - County Judge Downing Bolls
- (No Division Council Meeting in December)
- Jan. 27, 2012: Governor’s Visit (Save the Date-more details to come)

Kiwanis in a snap



President Charles Kirkpatrick presides at our meeting.



Earl Williams presented a gum ball check.



Randy Williams and his daughter Kristen Pierce.



James Cassle led the prayer.



A Veterans Day PowerPoint presentation honored Kiwanis veterans.



Roy Cloud passed the Brag Basket

Special Report from Big Country Zone Conference

Kiwanis: Big Country Zone Conference
November 5, 2011 in Brownwood

On the first Saturday in November Will Smith, Lt. Governor Carl Lockett, Nancy Miller, President Charles Kirkpatrick and I attended the Kiwanis Zone Conference. All of us have attended many training sessions and yet we traveled the distance to learn more as Kiwanis changes with the times.

The opening session was an overview of Governor Susan Henshaw's vision for the coming Texas-Oklahoma District year. Every governor brings new ideas

which continue to inspire us to keep "walking the talk."

One session was on using technology. Our club is ahead of many others in that we have had an online newsletter for several years; a great web site for a few years, and recently President Kirkpatrick started a Facebook page. However, we still learned a lot at the session: about "e" meetings and "e" clubs and were inspired to do more with social media.

Of course there was much talk about over-all declining membership of Kiwanis at every level and

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SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE

By Randy Williams

Have you ever considered that Jesus began his ministry by picking a diverse group of men to walk with him.

Why didn't he choose the spiritual leaders of the time?

Surely the people would have been more attentive listening to those who had demonstrated themselves to be the "experts" on scripture and it's meaning.

Yet, he picked a fisherman, a tax collector, a zealot, a Roman Citizen, and men with their own unique character and life experience.

They were all different.

We understand and shepherd our own kind of people well but we may not understand other kinds of people.

Jesus wanted to reach the people with His message so he trained men who were "of the people" to bring about His kingdom. Look at our club.

We are, each one of us, as different as night from day yet together we accomplish many wonderful things for our community and it's children.

Our theology may not always agree and yet God uses each of us to accomplish His purposes.

You want to "Change the World, One Child and One Community at a time?" Live your life with the full knowledge and understanding that God has called us to be a multicultural community, united in our diversity, loving one another, and using our gifts and talents not for our own glory but to show the world how much God loves them.

Zone Report continued

suggestions on how to increase our club membership. The most important, and astounding thing I learned that day was: "Kiwanis saves lives." When we are visiting with prospective members, we need to point out that we are not a social organization; we are not just a service organization of volunteers; we ARE an organization that saves (and changes) lives.

The past Kiwanis International IDD program and the current ELIMINATE program have definitely saved thousands of lives. There really is no other way to look at the impact of those two endeavors.

The close relationship Kiwanis clubs have with the Children's Miracle Network has certainly provided many dollars and much needed equipment to directly

save children's lives.

The Kiwanis organizations of TERRIFIC Kids, Builders Clubs, Key Clubs and CKI organizations truly change and save lives. We heard from four members of the Early Key Club and two of them said Kiwanis had completely changed the direction of their lives. I know Mark Young and the Builders Clubs at the Boys and Girls Clubs have changed and saved lives. I know that the AKTION club has changed at least one life dramatically.

So, as we look for new members, let us keep that in mind: the importance and the impact of Kiwanis.

Lora Lynn Christensen
Immediate Past President

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