

## REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR 70 YEARS LATER Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, December 7, 2011

About the time we are having lunch on Wednesday, 70 years ago, the United States of America was attacked by the nation of Japan on a day, according to President Franklin Roosevelt, that would “live in infamy”.

A local historian professor at McMurry University, Bill Libby, will relive some of those moments in history with us today, so you will want to certainly be present and bring a guest who will be delighted for the invitation, not only for the wonderful meal but also for the excellent program.

Mr. Libby’s formal higher education includes a Bachelor of Arts degree from Texas A&M, a Master of Divinity degree from Drew Theological School, a Master of Arts degree with emphasis on U.S. Diplomatic History from Kansas State University, and has done Doctoral Studies at the University of Maryland. He has also received diplomas from the Air War College and the National War College.

Some of his military service and assignments include Brigade Chaplain of the 24th Infantry Division in Germany, Brigade Chaplain of the 101st Airborne Division in Viet Nam, and many other faculty and instructional positions at the US Army Training Center and the National Defense University. He retired from active duty as a Chap-



Photo courtesy of McMurry University

**Bill Libby, left, and Paul Fabrizio are the hosts of the popular local radio talk show, “The Professors.” Libby, who teaches in the McMurry University Department of Religion and Philosophy will be our speaker this week.**

lain in 1990.

Thankfully, for Abilene, he was hired as the Associate Pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church in 1991, and he continues there as a member and teacher for an adult church school class. He has been on the faculty and staff at McMurry University since 1996, teaching in the Religion and History Departments. For a while, he also served as the Director of Athletics at McMurry and coached the cross

country team.

Beside being involved in many other worthwhile community activities, he and fellow professor, Dr. Paul Fabrizio have a daily talk show on Talk Radio KWKC every afternoon where interesting discussions of current political events in our state and nation are discussed as well as other items of public and community interest.

He and his deceased wife have three grown children.

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# **KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE**

## **‘Walk The Talk’**

### **Weekly Meeting November 30, 2011**

#### **Abilene Country Club**

Led Meeting.....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Prayer.....	Curtis Blackburn
Music .....	Randy Williams
Piano .....	Jamie Breed
Pledge .....	Nancy Miller
Guests .....	David Jones
Photographs .....	David Jones
Cup Money .....	\$32.99
Brag Basket.....	\$11.00

### **In our prayers**

- Henry McGinty – has the flu
- William Smith
- Mark Young’s grandmother
- Jarrell Young
- H.B. Terry
- Leonard Brock
- Bill and Ginger Zavatson
- Our military men and women as they serve to protect our freedom

### **Guests**

<b>Guest.....</b>	<b>Guest of Member</b>
Kathy Curtis .....	Christine Curtis-Carr
Barbara Hallmark.....	James Hallmark

### **The program**

Randy Williams introduced Taylor County Judge, Downing Bolls, who provided an insightful program covering the history of Taylor County — past, present and future.

Judge Bolls commended Kiwanis Club of Abilene members for contributions made to the community and the positive influence the club creates on a consistent basis.

Judge Bolls stated he had learned two important items in this first year as a judge:

1. Don’t do anything until you check the “book” (code book) and
2. How Government Works

Did you know that 90% of the population of Taylor County lives within the city limits of Abilene?

Highlights:

Past – 1858 Taylor County was founded by the State Legislature with the intent of Buffalo Gap as the county seat

1883 the county seat was moved from Buffalo Gap to Abilene

Present – the population of Taylor County is made up of slightly more women than men however men earn about \$7,000.00 more than women annually. Median age for men is 31.8 years while it is 34.5 for women.

Future – continued budget challenges. Taylor County is evaluating hiring policies which have been in place for 25 years to determine if the existing pay plan is still effective.

This was certainly an informative presentation. President Kirkpatrick thanked Judge Bolls for coming and communicated we would make a donation to our foundation in his honor for scholarships.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Lights! Camera! Aktion!**

Take time to read the wonderful article on page 49 of the December issue of the Kiwanis Magazine. Nedra Pape, president of the Abilene State Supported Living Center Aktion Club received terrific recognition. Congratulations Nedra!

### **Volunteer opportunity**

Volunteers are needed for 2-hour shifts at the Mall of Abilene for Light up a Life campaign benefiting Hendrick Hospice Care. Dates November 25 to December 23rd.

To volunteer call Aimee Colley 670-6951 or acolley@ehendrick.org

### **Perfect attendance**

The following members had perfect attendance for the month of November:

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| • Aguilar, Tom           | • Jones, David         |
| • Berry, Russell         | • Kincaid, Richard     |
| • Blackburn, Curtis      | • Kirkpatrick, Charles |
| • Breed, Jamie           | • Leavenworth, Russell |
| • Briley, Zach           | • Lockett, Carl        |
| • Cassle, James          | • McDonald, Donald     |
| • Christensen, Lora Lynn | • Miller, Nancy        |
| • Dodson, Faye           | • Nix, Clinton         |
| • Fogerson, Lynda        | • Paige, Don           |
| • Garner, Keith G.       | • Poynor, Kenneth      |
| • Hallmark, James        | • Shields, James       |
| • Hammons, Glyn          | • Sipe, Mac            |
| • Harris, Jerry          | • Smith, William A.    |
| • Henderson, Don         | • Williams, Earl       |
| • Hoogstra, William      | • Williams, Randall    |

# Picks of the Picts



**County Judge Downing Bolls presented the program**



**Kathy Curtis, Christine's mother, celebrated her birthday at our weekly meeting**



**Russell Berry & Christine Curtis-Carr discussing the selection of the Sophomore of the Year**



**Mac Sipe "raises a cup" in response to "Kiwanis Calls"**



**Nancy Miller bragged about the article in the Kiwanis magazine that mentioned Nedra Pape, our Aktion Club president**



**James & Barbara Hallmark**

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## SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE

*By Randy Williams*

The holiday season is a tough time for many people.

The memories shared with a loved one who is no longer alive or homes that have been devastated by divorce.

So many things can impact the joy of the season.

While so many are gathering with their families to celebrate the season, others are facing an acute loneli-

ness.

But we are never alone. Not when the night is darkest, the wind coldest, the world seemingly most indifferent.

That is the message of Christmas.

In fact, in Matthew 28:20, Jesus said, "Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given

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## Spiritual Aims continued

you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

This is the time that God chose to directly share Himself with mankind.

And, as His Children, it is most important that we make sure that those around us receive the message of God’s loving gift.

You want to “Change the World, One Child and One Community at a time?”

Keep your eyes open for those around you who need to know and receive the “Gift”.

You’ll know!

It’s the one that keeps on giving and giving and giving.

## Calendar

- No Division Council nor Board Meeting in December
- Jan. 10: Division Council Meeting
- Jan. 19: Board meeting, Noon, Bogie’s Sandwich Shop, Downtown
- Jan. 27: Governor’s Visit (Save the Date-more details to come)
- Feb. 11: Mid-Winter Conference (make plans now to attend)

## History of Kiwanis

The first clubs were organized to promote the exchange of business among the members.

However the members were distributing Christmas baskets to the poor.

A lively debate ensued between those who supported community service as the Kiwanis mission and those who supported the exchange of business.

By 1919, the service advocates won the debate.

- Kiwanis was founded in Detroit, Michigan, on January 21, 1915.
- In the early years, Kiwanis clubs focused on business networking, but even then, members were

serving the needs of the poor.

- By 1919, the organization had changed its focus from business to service.
- Kiwanis became an international organization in 1916 with the organization of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario.
- Kiwanis limited its membership to the United States and Canada until 1962 when worldwide expansion was approved.
- Until 1987, Kiwanis was a male-only organization. But after years of debate and growing support, women’s membership was received overwhelmingly.

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