

# K *The Kiwanis Club of Abilene* KIWANIGRAM



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## **WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, December 21, 2011**

**On  
Dec. 21st, our  
program will  
be presented  
by members of  
our club. It's  
our Christmas  
gift to us.**



## **SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE**

*By Randy Williams*

A man once punished his five-year-old daughter for using up the family's only roll of expensive gold wrapping paper before Christmas.

Money was tight, so he became even more upset when on Christmas Eve, he saw that the child had used the expensive gold paper to decorate a large shoebox she had put under the Christmas tree.

Nevertheless, the next morning the little girl, filled with excitement, brought the gift box to her father and said, "This is for you, Daddy!" As he opened the box, the father was embarrassed by his earlier over-reaction, now regretting how he had punished her.

But when he opened the shoebox, he found it was empty and again his anger flared. "Don't you know, young lady," he said harshly, "when you give someone a present there's supposed to be something inside the package!" The little girl looked up at him with sad tears rolling from her eyes and whispered: "Daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses into it until it was all full."

The father was crushed. He fell on his knees and

put his arms around his precious little girl. He begged her to forgive him for his unnecessary anger.

An accident took the life of the child only a short time later. It is told that the father kept this little gold box by his bed for all the years of his life. Whenever he was discouraged or faced difficult problems, he would open the box, take out an imaginary kiss, and remember the love of his little girl who had put it there.

In a very real sense, our heavenly Father has given us each one an invisible golden box filled with unconditional love.

And Jesus said, "I am with you always, even until the end of the world", Matthew 28:23.

Now, that's a gift.

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

Keep opening "the golden box" and share what God has put inside with those around you.

**Kiwanis is**

**A global organization of  
volunteers dedicated to  
changing the world one child  
and one community at a time**

**Walk the  
Talk!**

**KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE**  
**‘Walk The Talk’**  
**Weekly Meeting December 14, 2011**  
**Abilene Country Club**

Led Meeting.....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Prayer.....	Van Boozer
Music .....	Bobbie Wolfe
Piano .....	Tim Adcock
Pledge .....	Mark Young
Guests .....	Kirk Hancock
Photographs .....	David Jones
Cup Money .....	\$20.23
Brag Basket (Lew Lewis) .....	\$18.00

**In our prayers**

- Family of H.B. Terry. H.B. went on to his heavenly home on 12/13/11.
- Mark Young’s grandmother passed away recently.
- Kirby Leeson who communicated the following by email: “I have been having a long duration cough. I went for my annual check up yesterday and in a routine X-ray they found a spot in the upper right lung. I go tomorrow for an MRI. Hope it’s nothing, but will appreciate prayers.”
- George Knight’s wife, Joan
- Henry McGinty
- William Smith
- Jarrell Young
- Van Boozer
- Leonard Brock
- Bill and Ginger Zavatson
- Those who have lost loved ones recently

**Guests**

<b>Guest.....</b>	<b>Guest of Member</b>
Gary Jay .....	Greater Abilene
Raquel Garza.....	Greater Abilene
Lydia Maria Long .....	Greater Abilene
Katy Cook .....	Kimberley Cole
Chris Carnohan .....	Faye Dodson
Christy Dodson .....	T-Roy Dodson
Ketta Garduno .....	Club

**The program**

KUDOS to Doug Williamson, Kimberley Cole and Jamie Breed who presented a terrific program on very short notice when Wal-Mart cancelled.

Doug served as MC for this fun meeting where he challenged members with fun trivia contests. Winners were presented with terrific prizes that ranged from Abilene Reporter News portfolios to GoFridayNight.com footballs, flashlights, Coca Cola cups, candles



**Jamie Breed and Kimberley Cole were “Santa’s Helpers”**

and even house slippers! (Ask Guy Lucas about those ladies slippers.)

Can you name the Top Ten Religious Christmas Songs? How about the top 10 secular songs? Do you know who wrote “The Night Before Christmas”? And can you unscramble this Christmas song? “LOPRH-DU THE ERD SNOED EREDIENR”. These were just a few of the challenges of the day.

Thanks team for a great job!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pancake \$\$\$ @ work**

Don Scargall, Committee Chair for the Serve Our Schools committee presented a check to Ketta Garduno from Reagan Elementary. Ketta thanked the club and those members who come to Reagan to read with students. She stated that one on one reading is invaluable however the participants are also establishing relationships with the children and that is so very important.

**Kiwanigrams for Lora Lynn**

President Charles Kirkpatrick presented a beautifully bound book of 2010-2011 Kiwanigram issues to Past President Lora Lynn Christensen. Congratulations Lora Lynn for a great year!

**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

# A look at last week's meeting



## Left to right by row

- Doug Williamson filled in for Walmart and presented the program this week.
- Bobbie Wolfe led the singing
- Kirk Hancock introduced our guests
- Van Boozler led the opening prayer
- Don Scargall presented Reagan Elementary Principal, Ketta Garduno, with a check for \$1500

- Charles Kirkpatrick presented Lora Lynn Christensen with a bound volume of all the Kiwanigrams published during her term as president
- T-Roy Dodson, his wife Christy, and Tim Adcock
- Former member, Chris Carnohan, was a guest of the club

## ***"Own Your Future"***



Greetings, Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Member,  
We are inviting you to be a part of owning our own District facility and eventually assist your Kiwanis District with no leasing and no debt. The T-O Foundation has made it possible to purchase a beautiful two-story building to house all of our office needs and expand to much greater use. While we lease from the Foundation, our goal is to return the funds to the Foundation over a period of the next 4 years. Once accomplished, your District will finally be relieved of any budgeting for office leasing or payments. This might very well postpone or prevent a need of any dues increase in the foreseeable future, and you can take pride in helping to make it happen.

It is a simple plan. With you and nearly 10,000 other members of T-O Kiwanis, a contribution of just \$40 will get the job done. And we target up to four years to complete the campaign. Many believe our membership has enough pride to do this in just one year. But at whatever time period, we become "Finally Free with 40 in 4". Therefore, we encourage your participation in pledging just \$40 over the next four years. Please understand this is strictly VOLUNTARY. There is no requirement to participate.

Someone in your club is serving as a Club Captain to collect donations and send periodic mailings as collected from members. Your club may choose various methods during meetings to make contributions. You can simply donate a dollar or two weekly or monthly or just write a check for a \$10 yearly donation OR just complete the task with a \$40 contribution. Checks are made out to: T-O Kiwanis District.

More great news: Kiwanis member Mel Cowart of Pasadena, Texas has pledged to match up to \$50,000 all contributions this Kiwanis year. This means your donation **DOUBLES** if payment is made within the first donations during the year.

Please keep this handout. At the bottom of the page is a spot for your signature once you have made your fair share donation of \$40. Then, hand it to the Club Captain. An Own the Future Recognition Wall Display at our new District Headquarters will insert your name for all who visit to see. Yes, our wall display will be Texas-Oklahoma sized!

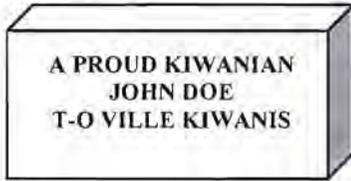
**Additional Opportunity:** You may decide to help further. If you contribute enough to serve you and 4 other Kiwanis friends or family members with at \$200 gift, a permanent brick will be laid in your honor near the entrance of our new building. This could be a great way to pay tribute to people you care about. A permanent message can be engraved using 16 characters/spaces per line on three lines. See the back side of this page for more information. **IN ADDITION**, your proud club will receive similar recognition in the event of 100 % participation of club members.

YES, I want to be part of the **"Own the Future"** campaign.

Once \$40 is given, please hand this page to your Club Captain with signature for the Own the Future Recognition Wall Display at our new T-O Kiwanis Headquarters. Of course, your participation in the Honor Brick program entitles you to go on the wall display.

Please put your signature within the box below – write boldly

***Leaving a Legacy at T-O Kiwanis Headquarters***



Leave your mark at our new Texas-Oklahoma District facility with a contribution of \$200. Placement of your personal brick will pay tribute in any way you wish. Honor a Kiwanis friend who passed away. Pay tribute to your own family, grandchildren, a fellow club member who has contributed honor to your club, your personal achievement, or any other noteworthy person or event important to you.

With a donation of \$200, you will be honored with a stamped brick located in an area surrounding the parking lot leading to the entry and flower beds of our new headquarters' home. These "Honor bricks" will be placed beginning at the entry porch on a **first-come-first serve basis**. You will be entitled to 3 lines with 16 characters/spaces per line inscribed on your brick.

Print clearly your chosen text for your "Honor Brick".

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2 <sup>nd</sup> Line	<input type="text"/>	(See above)															
3 <sup>rd</sup> Line	<input type="text"/>																

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With the Honor Brick donation, please sign the reverse side as eligible for the Own the Future Recognition Wall Display.

For these larger donations, you may choose your contribution as a tax deduction. In such case, make your check donation direct to the: Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Foundation, Inc.

Be sure to turn this completed form (with your contribution) to your Club Captain.

Should you have further questions regarding the "Own Your Future" Campaign, ask your Club Captain who can forward questions to Division and District leaders in this Texas-Oklahoma project.

Additional information and update reports can also be found at the T-O Website: [www.txokkiwanis.org](http://www.txokkiwanis.org), all Zone Conferences in the Fall of 2011, along with K-Family and Mid-Winter Conferences.

Be watching for news of an Open House Celebration at the new location in the Christmas Season 2011.

### ***Thank You from the Campaign Committee***

Immediate Past Gov. Sam Curry, Chair – Governor Susan Hennem – Governor Elect Ann Wilkins – Treasurer Erby Eikner  
Administrative Supervisor Laura Lammons – Past Governor Nancy Miller – Terry Vanlandingham – Marshall Kregel

A special thanks to all Zone Conference and Division leaders and Lt. Governors!

## Christmas project

Lora Lynn Christensen announced the Christmas project, Santa's Helper, which is to collect toys to contribute to the KTAB toy drive. Several brought gifts on the 14th. The project will continue through December 21st. Please bring unwrapped toys for any age to the December 21st meeting.

## Interclubs this month:

12/8/11 Greater Abilene: Attendees: Tim Adcock, Keith Garner, Bill Hoogstra, Nancy Miller and Ken Poynor

12/12/11 Key City North: Attendees: Donald McDonald, Don Paige, John Ruiz, Ken Poynor, William Smith

## Meeting cancellations-Holiday Schedule

Greater Abilene will not meet on December 22nd  
Key City North will not have meetings Monday December 26th or Monday January 2nd

## 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)

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## Get a Kiwanis flag or sign



The Texas-Oklahoma District Office has garden flags with or without the stand and yard signs with metal "H" frame stands.

Cost:

- Garden flag = \$11.50 (includes packaging & shipping)
- Garden flag w/stand = \$20.00 (includes packaging & shipping)
- Yard sign w/stand = \$13.00 (includes packaging & shipping)

They are available from the TX-OK District of Kiwanis Int'l, 3010 W. Park Row Dr, Suite 100, Pantego, TX 76013 (817) 640-7711

## 2011-2012 OFFICERS

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