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INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, January 18, 2011

Aly Shanks, Volunteer Coordinator for the International Rescue Committee here in Abilene, will be a speaker this week.

The International Rescue Committee responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises and helps people to survive and rebuild their lives. Founded in 1933 at the request of Albert Einstein, the IRC offers lifesaving care and life-changing assistance to refugees forced to flee from war or disaster.



At work today in over 40 countries and in 22 U.S. cities, the IRC restores safety, dignity

and hope to millions who are uprooted and struggling to endure. The IRC leads the way from harm to home.

When an emergency arises, the IRC arrives on the scene within 72 hours with urgently needed supplies and expertise that protect people caught in the midst of chaos. We commit to stay as long as we are needed, helping survivors to heal, recover and rebuild their communities to be stronger, more stable and

more democratic. In the United States, the IRC has helped hundreds of thousands of refugees thrive in the country that gave them sanctuary and a new beginning.

From the first moment the IRC hits the ground we work toward lasting solutions. Building local capacity and self-sufficiency -- and promoting human rights, participation and accountability -- are at the core of all of our innovative programs.

Game On...Mark your calendar for Jan. 30th

The 15th Annual Basketball Shoot Out sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Abilene is upon us.

Can you believe it?

Fifteen years of us working together with the McMurry and Hardin-Simmons men's and women's basketball teams, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, First Financial Bank, Boy Scout Troop 206, the Children's Miracle Network and Hendrick Children's Hospital...all helping children in need...that's pretty incredible!

This year's Shoot Out is being hosted by Hardin-Simmons University.

Every year, the Shoot Out has grown in popularity and commitment to helping kids at Hendrick Children's Hospital and the Children's Miracle Network.

Please make sure you have these dates on your calendars:

- Wednesday noon - January 25, 2012 – Kiwanis



From last year's Shoot Out

- Club "Pep Rally" at the Abilene Country Club
- Monday, January 30, 2012 – 15th Annual Shoot Out (at HSU)

**KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
‘Walk The Talk’
Weekly Meeting January 11, 2012
Abilene Country Club**

Led Meeting.....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Prayer.....	Melvin Martin
Music	Mark Young
Piano	Lora Lynn Christensen
Pledge	Earl Williams
Guests	John Ruiz
Photographs	Charles Kirkpatrick
Cup Money	\$30.16
Brag Basket (Jerry Carter).....	\$9.00

In our prayers

- Alan Eggleston whose mother passed away during the holidays.
- LuGene Lewis
- Kirby Leeson
- George Knight’s wife, Joan
- Jarrell Young
- Van Boozer
- Leonard Brock
- Bill and Ginger Zavatson
- Remember Henry McGinty who fell on December 26th and has 3 broken ribs.

Guests

Guest.....	Guest of Member
Woody Gilliland.....	James Hallmark
Barbara Hallmark.....	James Hallmark
Michelle Parrish.....	Jerry Harris
John Thomas	Melvin Martin
George Woodfin	Greater Abilene
Roma Howard	George Woodfin
Brad Hill.....	Greater Abilene
Ikie Taylor	Greater Abilene
Scott South.....	Greater Abilene

The program

Doug Williamson introduced our speaker, our very own James Hallmark. James has been a part of the West Texas Telethon from the very beginning. He shared memories of the many featured celebrities.

Rosemary Clooney was the headliner at the first telethon in 1971. Shari Lewis was another celebrity along with her puppets Lamb Chop, Hush Puppy and Charlie Horse. Ms Lewis’ acts were always original. Bill and Susan Hayes, a popular daytime soap opera couple, followed Shari Lewis and have been with the telethon ever since. James credits Rex Allen for assisting with many of the contacts and success of other



Jerry Harris, Boys and Girls Committee Chair, presented Pancake Dollars to Michelle Parrish of Big Brothers - Big Sisters.

events. Rex Allen was first approached to help with the cattleman’s auction. Mr. Allen response was “The answer is yes. What do you want me to do?” Bob Hope was featured at the Rehab’s fund-raising dinner. Mr. Hope toured the rehab center. While visiting with many of the clients and their families, Mr. Hope met a handsome 3 year boy. Mr. Hope carried the three year old through out the remainder of his tour. That handsome young boy was our own Zach Briley.

The telethon has grown and evolved over the years. It has expanded from 2 TV stations to 10 stations. It also includes a live internet auction. Last year, the telethon was ‘streamed’ live over the web. They received pledges from 37 states. This year, Sunny Sweeney is the featured artist and Nolan Ryan will introduce the show.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Silent auction means big bucks

Marty Anderson asked everyone to begin thinking about the Silent Auction at Pancake Day. If you are uncomfortable soliciting products, you can always give cash.

BBBS gets Pancake \$\$\$

Jerry Harris presented “Pancake” dollars to Michelle Parrish of Big Brothers, Big Sisters.

Join us in greeting T-O Gov. Susan

The Governor is Coming, The Governor is Coming! Governor Susan Hennum will be in Abilene on Friday January 27th. Help us welcome her to Abilene by joining fellow Kiwanians at the Governor’s Ban-

Kiwanis Snapshots



James Hallmark
presented the program



Doug Williamson
introduced the program



Barbara Hallmark was
James' guest



Woody Gilliland, CEO
and President of WTRC

SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE

By Randy Williams

I was listening to a radio program the other day and the guest on the program commented: "no one lives an undefeated life".

Think about that for a moment.

As a Christian, I believe that God is sovereign and in control of all things.

As a Christian, I am willfully submitted to walk inside the plan that God has laid out for me. Given all of that, can my life be defeated?

In I Corinthians 15:67, the Apostle Paul said, "Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Just as eternal life is a gift, so the victorious life is also a gift. It cannot be earned; it is the gift of God.

Such a life is one of peace and joy received as the result of a constant fellowship with Him.

It is He who gives us victory over sins – even those so called "little ones".

The victorious life is a life that glorifies the Lord



Jesus.

Now, you and I know that Satan wants us to feel defeated. He knows that if he can drag us down low enough, we'll stop looking to God.

Living in a defeated state is destructive to us as well as those around us.

That's why it is so important that we keep our eyes on Jesus.

I've never been a big fan of the King James Version of the Bible, but here, in Psalm 121:1, the Psalmist says it best: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help".

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

Live the victorious life before the world around you.

And when they ask, "How do you do that?"

You can simply say, "I lift up my eyes to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords who give me victory"!

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Talk!**

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quet to be held at 6:00 PM at the Abilene Country Club. Sign up sheets will be available at the next several meetings. Cost is \$21.00 per person.

Shoes for Orphan Souls

Our Young Children Priority One Committee challenges each Kiwanian to bring a pair of socks and a pair of shoes for the Governor's 2011-2012 Project. We would love to have a few dozen of each to present the governor at the banquet on January 27. Please see the details by linking to www.shoesfororphansouls.org.



Thank you, YCPO
Committee Chairman, Lora Lynn Christensen

Hendrick to host Feb. 1st meeting

Here's a very important note!

Our Kiwanis meeting on February 1st, 2012 will be held at Hendrick Medical Center. Hendrick is providing lunch and a tour of the new room we sponsored for the Children's wing. Make plans to attend this exciting event.

The Eliminate Project

Kiwanis is once again joining forces with UNICEF to confront another threat to the world's children. In June 2010, Kiwanis International announced The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus, which aims to save 129 million mothers and their future babies from the disease by the year 2015.

Calendar

- Jan. 19: Board meeting, Noon, Bogie's Downtown
- Jan. 25: Basketball ShootOut Pep Rally-funds raised benefit CMN
- Jan. 27: Governor's Visit, Abilene Country Club
- Jan. 30: 15th Annual Basketball Shoot-Out at Hardin-Simmons University
- Feb. 1: Weekly meeting will be held at Hendrick Medical Center
- Feb. 8: Our program will be Celebration Ladies, Valentine's Day Program (members encouraged to invite spouses)
- Feb. 11: Mid-Winter Conference (make plans now to attend)
- Feb. 14: Division Council Meeting
- Feb. 15: Our program will be Abilene Police Chief Stan Standridge giving us insight into Islam
- Feb. 22: Our program will be Nancy Estes speaking on Cancer Services Network
- Apr. 28: PANCAKE DAY - Mark your calendar
- Jun. 27-July 1: KI Convention - New Orleans, Louisiana
- Aug. 8-12: Kiwanis District Convention - Killeen

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