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BASKETBALL SHOOTOUT PEP RALLY

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, January 25, 2011

This is one of those programs we have each year that you really have no clue what's going to happen.

Whatever does happen will be high-energy and fun.

Will our own Shootout Honcho David Jones surprise us with something from totally out in left field? What fun jabs will the coaches have for each other?

The bottom line is this is one of our more visible projects, raising money for the Children's Miracle Network/Hendrick Children's Hospital.

From the players functioning as "Change Bandits" and bringing in thousands of dollars in nickels, dimes, pennies, and quarters to our Kiwanians selling tickets to the Boy Scouts and Kiwanians passing the bucket during halftime...it's all good.

Don't miss this program and why not bring someone with you to see what we're all about?



If you haven't signed up for one or two shifts at the Shootout, please do it Wednesday. We need you Monday, Jan. 30th, at Hardin-Simmons.

We're Walking the Talk



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KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
‘Walk The Talk’
Weekly Meeting January 18, 2012
Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Prayer.....	Curtis Blackburn
Music	Mark Young
Piano	Lora Lynn Christensen
Pledge	Marty Anderson
Guests	Doug Williamson
Photographs	David Jones
Cup Money	\$41.81
Brag Basket (Jerry Carter).....	\$24.00

In our prayers

- Family of Mark Young. Family members were mugged. The husband died from the injuries and Darla, the wife, is in the hospital
- LuGene Lewis
- Kirby Leeson
- George Knight’s wife, Joan
- Jarrell Young
- Van Boozer
- Leonard Brock
- Bill and Ginger Zavatson
- Henry McGinty

Guests

Guest.....	Guest of Member
John Foster	Guinn Smith
Shaun Martin.....	Club
Lydia Long	Greater Abilene

The program

David Jones introduced Aly Shanks, Volunteer Coordinator for the International Rescue Committee, as the speaker. Aly provided great information regarding the IRC which has been in existence for 75 years. The focus of this organization is to provide a fresh start for refugees. We learned there are 42 IRC offices around the world with 22 in US cities, with one right here in Abilene. The Abilene office currently has 8 staff members and relies on interns and volunteers to meet the



Aly Shanks

needs of approximately 1,200 refugees in Abilene. Although this organization works with the U.S. Government, it is non-profit and depends on donated funds to function. Volunteers are always needed. To learn more, check out <http://www.rescue.org/us-program/us-dallas-tx> or call (325) 675-5643.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Batter when it matters

We handed out Pancake \$\$\$ to three organizations this week.

Earl Williams, who was the Bailey Choate Award recipient for 2010-2011, presented a \$1,000.00 check to Mark Young for the Boys and Girls Club. The award recipient picks how the \$1,000.00 will be used.

Earl’s decision was easy. Earl shared that he served on the Boys and Girls Club board for 26 years and appreciates the positive difference the organization makes in children’s lives.

Jerry Harris, on behalf of the Boys and Girls Committee, presented checks to Shaun Martin, new Executive Director of Junior Achievement of Abilene, and Ken Poynor of our Kiwanis Medical Fund.

Something to chew on

Gumball King Earl Williams gave his monthly report.

We’ve got 1,132 machines in operation. Last month, \$327.12 was collected, bringing out total to \$251,093.84.

Shout for the Silent Auction

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.

We’re all going to the hospital on Feb. 1st, but it’s OK

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 Governor is coming

Governor Susan Hensum will be in Abilene on Friday January 27th. Help us welcome her to Abilene by joining fellow Kiwanians at the Governor’s Banquet to

A bunch of happy people



from top left, Nancy Miller made an announcement about the Governor's Visit on January 27

Kelly Jones is a happy camper

Faye Dodson bragging about her new Granddaughter and Carl Lockett's pleased to get her money

Charles Kirkpatrick talks about Socks and Shoes for Orphan Souls

John Foster was a guest of Guinn Smith



SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE

By Randy Williams

Patrick Henry said, "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionist, but by Christians not on religion, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ!"

What a rich heritage we have here in America. So much sacrifice and struggle has gone on before us so that we can gather each week as Kiwanians and lift our brothers and sisters up in prayer to the Lord.

I submit, this is nothing to take lightly.

If you have done any traveling or studied the various cultures in the world you would know that such freedom is not necessarily automatic. In fact, in many cultures you are persecuted for demonstrating your faith in God.

Several years ago as our troops began to be deployed into the Middle East, a hostile place to Christians, I committed to myself that I would never say the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag without a mental acknowledgement of the sacrifice that many were making on my behalf.

For me, that commitment has made a great deal of difference in my appreciation for this country and the God whom I serve.

Washington D.C. is "a wash" with stone memorials of carved scripture and personal quotes about God and His relationship to man. It exists in the fabric of who we are as Americans.

I would ask that you join me in my commitment to our "Freedom Fighters" to never take for granted their sacrifice. And I don't just mean those who serve in the military but also those who are called into the ministry of our Lord or Army of God as it is sometimes referenced.

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

Share the blessings of freedom that you have with those around you, acknowledging The One who made it possible through the sacrifice of so many who have gone before as well as those currently in the fight. I think that just might be... all of us.

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be held at 6:00 PM at the Abilene Country Club. Sign up sheets will be available at Wednesday's meeting. Cost is \$21.00 per person.

Special Governor's Project

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.

YCPO Committee Chairman, Lora Lynn Christensen is coordinating our efforts.



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.

Thanks for Pancake \$\$\$

Cancer Services Network thanked us for our \$1,629.11

donation.

"Cancer Services Network has experienced a tremendous amount of growth and an increase in demand for services this year. Your contribution will mean so much to this organization, and to our pediatric cancer patients and their families who will receive assistance from this wonderful gift."

The funds will be used for emergency funds, insurance continuation, medical supplies, nutritional supplements, prescription assistance and transportation reimbursement.

Calendar

- 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 16: Board Meeting
- 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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