

# **K** *The Kiwanis Club of Abilene* **KIWANIGRAM**



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## **AN INDEPTH LOOK AT ISLAM**

**Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, February 15, 2012**

Abilene Police Chief Stan Standridge will share some of his extensive study of the Islam faith and those who practice it. He'll speak at our meeting this week. It's a remarkable presentation to which you will want to bring a guest.

Chief Standridge has been with the Abilene Police Department since 1995. He was appointed Chief on July 9, 2009.

During his time with APD, Chief Standridge has served as Patrol Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Assistant Chief. He spent a decade on the SWAT Team, served as a Field Training Officer, and served more than five years as a part-time Internal Affairs Investigator.

He teaches on several topics to include Professionalism and Ethics, Active Shooter, Racial Profiling, and



**Chief Stan Standridge**

Understanding Islam.

Chief Standridge is a Master Peace Officer who holds a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degree from Midwestern State University, Summa cum Laude.

Additionally, he graduated from the FBI National Academy, session 226, and the Leadership Command College, Sam Houston State University, class 59.

Prior to his policing career, Chief Standridge served in the United States Air Force, serving two years overseas and two years at Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene, TX.

He is married to his wife Susan, and they have two teenage daughters Megan and Emily. Chief Standridge thanks God for the opportunity to serve the City of Abilene.



**Faye Dodson was presented with Kiwanis International Distinguished Member Award. President Charles Kirkpatrick displayed the**



**plaque presented to our club by Hendrick Medical Center. Donald McDonald was presented with a 40 Year membership pin.**



**KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE**  
**‘Walk The Talk’**  
**Weekly Meeting February 8, 2012**  
**Abilene Country Club**

Led Meeting.....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Prayer.....	Mark Young
Music .....	Mark Young
Piano .....	Jamie Breed
Pledge .....	Russell Berry
Guests .....	Don Scargall
Brag Basket (Will Smith) .....	\$3.00
Cup Money .....	\$30.24

**In our prayers**

- James Cassle
- LuGene Lewis
- Kirby Leeson
- George Knight’s wife, Joan
- Jarrell Young
- Van Boozer
- Leonard Brock
- Bill and Ginger Zavatson
- Henry McGinty

**Guests**

<b>Guest.....</b>	<b>Guest of Member</b>
Becky Rentz .....	Jack Rentz
Nancy Brock .....	Price Brock
David Sims.....	Pam McGrew
Loren Sutherlin .....	Greater Abilene

**The program**

President-Elect Randy Williams introduced the Celebration Ladies. This week’s show was unbelievable..



**What a great program! The Celebration Ladies, accompanied by Lora Lynn Christensen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome back**

It was great to see Jarrell Young and Henry McGinty at our meeting this week.

**District newsletter now online**

The Texas Oklahoma District has released the second edition of our newsletter.

[http://www.txok-kiwanis.org/Files/Districts/3784/Documents/2012\\_0130\\_newsletter.pdf](http://www.txok-kiwanis.org/Files/Districts/3784/Documents/2012_0130_newsletter.pdf)

**Dues increase approved**

Those present at the meeting on Feb. 8th unanimously voted to approve the proposed dues increase. New rates effective Mar. 1st are as follows:

- Regular Member \$60.00 per month
- Sr. Member \$25.50 per month
- Associate Member \$25.50 per month
- Leave of Absence \$13.00 per month (no change)
- Guest Meal \$10.00 per meal (no change)

See the Feb. 1st Kiwanigram for additional details regarding this increase.

**Silent auction items needed**

Randy Williams communicated importance of donations stating we needed to bring in at least \$10,000.00 from the auction. Bring items or money to weekly meeting. Contact Marty Anderson or Christine Curtis-Carr for additional information.

**Special presentations**

During this week’s meeting, President Charles Kirkpatrick presented the following:

- Shared plaque and Bernstein Bear book presented to the club by Hendrick Medical Center on 2/1/12. The plaque will hang in the Kiwanis office.
- Donald McDonald- 40 year pin and certificate
- Faye Dodson- Kiwanis International Distinguished Member 2010-2011. Charles shared a letter sent from 2010-2011 Kiwanis International President Sylvester Neal and presented 2 lapel pins in recognition of this achievement.

**Calendar**

- 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





David Sims was the guest of Pam McGrew



Lora Lynn Christensen accompanied the Celebration Ladies



Randy Williams introduced the program



Russell Berry filled in for David Jones as photographer (Ha ha ha)!

## SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE

*By Randy Williams*

Writer and evangelist, Landon Saunders, once said, “after paying close attention to a lot of people a lot wiser than myself, I have come to realize that the point, the purpose of human life is joy. Joy even in the midst of suffering and tragedy. I can’t think of a better purpose?” If this is true, then we should really work hard to not let anything get in the way of our lives or relationships as we strive to keep and maintain “joy”. Funny, despite nearly all religions pointing to “joy” as representing the very essence of our lives, their belief systems and institutions are often symbols of what divides us from one another. Now you’ve heard me say this over and over again, but we have an enemy who is working very hard to steal your joy. Why is this so

important to both God and Satan? I believe the answer is in a little song we used to teach the children. The words repeated and went like this: The joy of the Lord is my strength. In fact, Nehemiah 8:10 says, “Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” Satan will do whatever he can to separate us from God and so he will try to steal your strength. Strength (God) is needed to fight and, according to I Timothy 6:12, we are called to “fight the good fight of faith.” If you are finding it difficult to continue the fight, you might check out your “joy” meter. You want to “Change the World, One Child and One Community at a time”? Be willing to share the joy of Christ. It’s sometimes fun, sometimes difficult, but it should always be joyous.

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