

K *The Kiwanis Club of Abilene* KIWANIGRAM



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TEXAS FOREST SERVICE

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, March 14, 2012

Rhea Cooper began his fire service career with the Lubbock Fire Department (LFD) in July of 1978 and promoted up through every rank on the department to the position of Fire Chief. He retired from the LFD in December of 2009 with over 31 years of service.

He served on the Texas Fire Commission from 1995 to 2010.

He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Wayland Baptist University in 1998. Rhea also received the designation as Executive

Fire Officer from the National Fire Academy in 2003 and the Chief Fire Officer Designation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence in 2007.

Rhea served as an adjunct instructor for the Texas Forest Service (TFS) and Texas Engineering Extension Service from 2009 to 2011 where he assisted with the development of Incident Management Teams in Texas. Rhea began working full-time with the TFS January 3, 2012 and is the Assistant Chief Regional Fire Coordinator for the Northwest Branch.



SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE

By Randy Williams

My daughter, Cara, recently gave birth to a sweet little baby boy. OK, I'll put a dollar in the brag basket.

One time, as I held him, his eyes were wide open and he was looking all around. I wondered what he was thinking.

Have you ever noticed that about a baby? They seem so bright eyed and just taking in everything. They are like little empty hard drives.

And here is the critical part: What will get written and saved on their little hearts?

We have such a huge responsibility to model appropriate behavior, in both language and deed, around our children because we are, each one of us, making an imprint on their little hard drives.

Charles Swindoll said, "Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children."

And something we need to all realize, they are all "our children." As a community of servants, the chil-

dren of our community are all our responsibility.

Now, when you think of it that way, what would you change?

In Matt. 18:6, Jesus said, "If anyone causes one of these little ones to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be tossed into the sea."

Notice He doesn't say, "If you parents."

Jesus knew how we all have influence on the children around us. Think about your own life and growing up. Sometimes the most influential people in your life were not necessarily parents.

Having said all of that, now, do you want to "Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time?" Guard the hearts, the hard drives, the writable CDs, of the little children around you and live "up right" in all that you do. You're already on the right path after all. You are a Kiwanian!

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**Walk the
Talk!**

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

‘Walk The Talk’

Weekly Meeting March 7, 2012

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Prayer.....	Gordon Dowell
Music	Don Scargall
Piano	Tim Adcock
Guests	Randy Williams
Photography.....	David Jones
Brag Basket (Lora Lynn Christensen)	\$15.00
Cup Money	\$42.86

In our prayers

- The family of James Cassle. James funeral service was held on Saturday March 10th.
- Henry McGinty,
- Jarrell Young,
- Van Boozer,
- Leonard Brock,
- LuGene Lewis
- Kirby Leeson
- Bill and Ginger Zavatson
- Remember the following spouses:
 - Janice, wife of Guinn Smith
 - Linda, wife of Jud Powell
 - Joan, wife of George Knight

The program

Melvin Martin introduced Mayor Norm Archibald as the speaker on March 7th. Mayor Archibald thanked club members for “what you do” for the community of Abilene.

He shared highlights of the Hendrick Medical Center Project, however his presentation was to communicate information related to the Pine Street Corridor.

If you haven’t driven down Pine Street lately, you might be pleasantly pleased to see the major changes that have occurred. We learned that a group, the Abilene Improvement Corporation, whose purpose is to improve Abilene, bought properties and tore buildings down along the corridor.

It was interesting to learn that at one time eleven service stations existed from the Civic Center to Hendrick and that three of those were on 3 of the 4 corners



at North 13th and Pine.

Pine Street was also home to at least 45 abandoned cars. Texas Tech School of Pharmacy sits where the Candy Land Hotel once existed.

The street certainly looks different and will continue to improve.

He mentioned the Abilene Life Sciences Accelerator building, the new School of Nursing for Texas Tech, and the impact these facilities have for Abilene.

Subway sandwich shop and the new boulevard look were also mentioned.

The Cultural Hub, Educational Hub and Medical Hub will continue to be important keys for our city.

This was a very interesting program. Mayor Archibald closed by asking that we let him come back soon to discuss the important topic of “Water” for our community.

Howdy, Guest

Guests.....**Guest of Member**
Gene Linder Key City North Club

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Ruiz joins our board

Charles Kirkpatrick announced John Ruiz was elected to replace Lew Lewis as a board member. John will fill the remaining one year term.

Key City North fund-raiser

Gene Linder with Key City North communicated club members are selling pies as their second fund raiser for the year. Contact any Key City North club member to order.

Where are you Kiwanians?

We miss you when you are not at the weekly meetings. Our average attendance seems to be dropping. We look forward to seeing you next week and remember “Bring a Guest!”

Membership campaign

Membership Campaign began on March 7th. We will track guests brought to each meeting and present a “Go Getter” award to the Kiwanian bringing the most guests each month.

The Kiwanian bringing the most guests (potential members) for the year will be awarded special recognition at the end of the year celebration.

In addition, a member who sponsors a new member into the club will receive a \$50.00 gift card or if the

Scenes from last week's meeting



Gordon Dowell led the opening prayer

Don Scargall led the singing

Charles Kirkpatrick presided over the meeting

Gene Linder from the Key City North Kiwanis club told about their fund raiser

Melvin Martin Introduced our program

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members prefers, the club will make a \$50.00 donation to a charity of the members choosing.

So Get Ready Everyone!

New Members are Needed! More Members equal more hands and feet to serve others! "Just Ask" and "Walk the Talk!"

Q. Who is our newest member? A. Edith Smith

Silent auction items needed

Please bring items or money to weekly meeting. Contact Marty Anderson or Christine Curtis-Carr for additional information.

Indiana Kiwanians need our help

Ted Sullivan, Governor-Elect in Indiana Kiwanis District, has requested assistance for those folks who lost everything after the latest tornadoes.

If you would like to donate here is the address:

Kiwanis Indiana Foundation

8060 Knue Road Suite 127

Indianapolis, IN 46250

Memo portion of check: Tornado Assistance

Calendar

- Mar. 13: Division Council Meeting
- Mar. 15: Board Meeting
- Mar. 21: Club meeting is Pancake Day Kick-Off
- Mar. 20: Club meeting program is Jeff Cottrell's Trombone Ensemble
- Apr. 4: Club meeting is Spiritual Aims Easter program with Dr. Bill Libby of McMurry University
- Apr. 28: PANCAKE DAY - Mark your calendar
- Jun. 27-July 1: KI Convention – New Orleans, Louisiana
- Aug. 8-12: Kiwanis District Convention – Killeen

Birthdays

- Mar. 12: Kelly Jones
- Mar. 14: Kimberley Cole
- Mar. 19: David Bacon
- Mar. 23: Guinn Smith
- Mar. 26: Jeff Goodin
- Mar. 29: Devhra Bennett-Jones
- Mar. 30: Zach Briley
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Reminders

- Silent Auction Items are needed
- Shoes and Socks for Orphans Souls
- Bring A Guest!

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.
- Until 1987, Kiwanis was a male-only organization. But after years of debate and growing support, women's membership was approved.



Governor's Trip 2012

June 8 - 10

A Weekend For All Ages!

Governor Susan and First Dude Tom would like to invite you and your family to join our family on the Texas Oklahoma Governor's Trip to be held this year in The Texas Oklahoma District. This weekend of fun is affordable for all but we need to book our rooms now before it is too late! So pack up the kids and grandkids and come to Bandera, Texas.

Rates are as follows:

\$109.00 per adult per night (\$218.00 for weekend)

\$60.00 for children ages 3-12 (\$120 for weekend)

Under 3 = FREE

That great price includes breakfast, dinner, 3 water parks, tennis, putt putt, western entertainment, campfire & marshmallow roast & a Junior Cowboy camp for those under 12.

The Flying L is located in the Texas Hill Country in Bandera, Texas. Most suites come equipped with a fully-equipped kitchen, cable TV, stone fireplaces and private patios.

Please make your reservation prior to March 20, 2012. Call Susan Jenkins at 800-292-5134 to book your room. Be sure to check out the fun at www.flyingl.com.

Golf and Horseback riding are available for a small additional fee.

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Randy Williams - President-Elect

Mark Hoover - Vice President

Kirk Hancock - Vice President

Will Smith - Vice President

Ricki Brown - Treasurer

Faye Dodson - Secretary

Henry McGinty - Assistant Secretary

Kimberley Cole - Foundation Advisor

2011-2012 DIRECTORS

Two Year:

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