

TOP STUDENTS & SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DAY **Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, May 23, 2012**

This week we will honor the valedictorians and salutatorians from our local high schools, present our five academic scholarships and hear a great speaker, the Rev. Kelvin Kelley.

Rev. Kelley is Associate Professor of Theology in the Logsdon School of Theology and Assistant to the President of Hardin-Simmons University.

Rev. Kelley served as pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church in Brownwood from January 1992 to October 1998. He served as pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church in Abilene from November 1998 to February 2006.

He is also the founder of the nonprofit FACES Ministries, Inc. This mentoring ministry is specifically designed to form an expanded

perspective in college and high-school age young men. He has worked with local and regional men's groups to develop similar experiences.



The Rev. Kelvin Kelley

He holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Angelo State University, master's of divinity and family ministry from Logsdon Seminary/HSU and a doctorate in Ministry from Abilene Christian University.

If you know someone who has a particular interest in education, you should invite them to this great meeting. It not only shows the best of the best, but it also shows some of the impact that our Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation has on the community.

Career & Technology students honored



Career and Technology Certificate of Recognition recipients included:
Sara Navarro, Christina Montoya, Taylor Jessica Sheldon, Morgan Pentecost, Ashley Faus, Arrial Perry and Ashley Staggs.



Other Career and Technology Certificate of Recognition recipients were:
Adrienne Giddens, Daniel Gallo, Ashley Williams, Keyanna Paige and Robert Walker.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
Weekly Meeting May 16, 2012
Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Prayer.....	George Knight
Music	Nancy Miller
Piano	Lora Lynn Christensen
Pledge	David Bacon
Guests	Jerry Carter
Photographer.....	David Jones
Brag Basket	\$5.00
Cup Money	\$34.11

In our prayers

- Remember John Snapp who is recovering from Back Surgery.
- Remember to pray for Mark Young’s dad.
- Will Smith asked that we pray for Deacon Washington who has a growth on his kidney.
- Join in praise that Guinn Smith was back today. Janice is home and doing well. Do keep her in your prayers as she continues to recover.
- Remember Linda, wife of Jud Powell and Joan, wife of George Knight
- Henry McGinty
- Jarrell Young
- Van Boozer
- Leonard Brock
- LuGene Lewis
- Kirby Leeson

Guests

Guests.....	Guest of Member
Jason Holcombe	Faye Dodson
Bobbi Bieberly	Greater Abilene
Gary Jay	Greater Abilene
Gail Jay	Greater Abilene
Raquel Garza.....	Greater Abilene

The program

Mark Hoover, assisted by George Knight and Lynda Fogerson, recognized Career and Technology students from Cooper, Abilene High and Holland Medical High School. (See Page 3 for full details)

Scholarships also were presented.

Bill Ehrie, President of the Abilene Industrial Foundation challenged the students stating “We have waited for you youngsters 18 years.” He communicated that life is made up of doors and that each of us have choices. The students currently have four options.

- College
- Military
- Community Trades



Bill Ehrie

Do Nothing

He encouraged the students to make the best of their future and to accept it, move on and know that everyone makes mistakes.

Mr. Ehrie challenged the students to “never stop learning and to never get away from being part of the future. He closed by thanking the administrators and congratulating the students for a job well done.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Charles Kirkpatrick presented Pam McGrew a pin from T-O District in recognition of sponsoring a new member

More to chew on

Here’s the Gumball Report from Earl Williams:

- 1121 machines in operation
- \$374.28 for April collection
- \$252,644.12 Total

Board Meeting Report

The board met Thursday May 17th and approved the following new members who will be introduced to you in the near future:

Jayson Holcombe from Sam’s Club. Jayson is married to Liz and certainly has a Kiwanis heart. He was a great help with the Silent Auction during Pancake Day. Jayson is co-sponsored by Marty Anderson and Faye Dodson

Club Satellite members:

Career & Technology Day at Kiwanis



The Career and Technology Scholarship winners are Lorenzo Martinez, Evan Young, Charrang Im Nam, Valmy Nzengui, and Morgan Pentecost.

Our club annually recognizes outstanding Career and Technology students in each of the fields of study at Abilene, Cooper and Holland Medical high schools. Each of our honored students has been selected by her/his teacher as the most outstanding student in that class. By school, the honorees, their teachers and subject fields were:

Cooper High

Ashley Williams - Scott Berry - Agriculture, Foods, & Natural Resources.
Adrienne Giddens - Sherry Stewart - Career Prep / Business Practicum.
Morgan Pentecost - Terry Hall - Business Administration & Finance.
Ashley Staggs - Kelli Hass - Human Services.
Arrial Perry - Cheryl Barber - Education and Training.

Abilene High

Robert Walker - Kay Richards - Agriculture Science.
Ashley Faus - Tommy Cunningham - Criminal Justice.
Daniel Gallo - Jon McAden - Electrical Trades.
Keyanna Paige - Connie Ross - Cosmetology.
Hayden Arnold - Sherla Smith - Career Prep.
Christina Montoya - Brenda Stuteville - Human Services.
Sara Navarro - Polly O'Neal - Culinary Arts.
Paige Garza - Tawn Carpenter - Child Guidance II (Practicum in Human Services).
Taylor Jessica Sheldon - Elisabeth Pringle - Ready, Set, Teach.

Holland High

Christina Johnson (AHS) - Kim Turnbull - Health Sci-

ence
Zachary Roberts (CHS) - Kim Turnbull - Health Science

We presented \$500 scholarships to five Career & Technology students who have been selected as the most worthy recipients based on their application and letters of recommendation. Winners were:

- Valmy Nzengui, son of Adolphe Nzengui-Nguinda & Sylvanie Samba
- Lorenzo Martinez, son of Richard & Juanita Martinez
- Morgan Pentecost, daughter of Coy & Debra Pentecost
- Evan Young
- Charrany Im Nam, daughter of Seila Im

Each has an interesting story, but none quite as interesting as Valmy:

He came to the U.S. less than 4 years ago from the Republic of Gabon where he and his family had lived for ten years after fleeing his homeland of the Congo. His family came to make a better life for themselves and to keep their family safe.

In this short time, he has learned English quite proficiently and taken many upper level and AP classes. He has an outstanding GPA and class rank.

His supervisors at WalMart, where he works 32-36 hours a week, give him consistently high evaluations for his work.

He wants to set an example for his siblings and give back to those who have helped him. He also wants to someday be a sponsor for refugees who come to this country.

Kiwanis Club of Abilene Snapshots



George Knight led the opening prayer



Jerry Carter introduced our guests



Earl Williams gave a Gum Ball report



Mark Hoover introduced the certificate and scholarship winners and the program

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“Key” Gantt, from ACU. Key is the TRIO Talent Search Advisor and sponsored by Christine Curtis-Carr

Alicia Soto who is a Technology instructor for AISD. Alicia’s sponsor is Faye Dodson

Brandon Carr – husband of Christine Curtis-Carr. Brandon is a computer technician for AISD

Membership Campaign

New members are important to us. Keep in mind the membership campaign. Invite guests and share your Kiwanis story.

Christine Curtis-Carr held a kick off meeting for a new Club Satellite at the Kiwanis Club office on May 8th. As a result we have 3 new members for Club Satellite! The next meeting for this group will be June 5th.

Congratulations to Pam McGrew who was presented a pin by President Charles Kirkpatrick in recognition for sponsoring David Sims as a new member.

Division Council Meeting...Not

The June meeting has been cancelled, please mark your calendar for the next meeting on July 10th.

Go Vote!

The primary is May 29th which is the day after a 3 day weekend. Early voting is open now. Remember it is important, a privilege and a responsibility.

BIRTHDAYS

May 23 Doris J. Armstrong

May 26 Russell Berry

May 26 Carl Lockett

May 31 Melvin Martin

June

Jun 3 T-Roy Dodson

Jun 5 Randy Williams

Jun 7 Van Boozer

Jun 15 A. C. Johnson

Jun 17 Donald Scargall

Jun 18 Keith Garner

April Perfect Attendance

Adcock, Tim
Aguilar, Tom
Berry, Russell
Blackburn, Curtis
Boozer, Van
Breed, Jamie
Briley, Zach
Christensen, Lora Lynn
Cloud, Roy
Cole, Kimberley
Curtis-Carr, Christine
Dent, Roy
Dodson, Faye
Dowell, Gordon
Fogerson, Lynda
Garner, Keith G.
Goodin, Jeff
Hallmark, James
Hammons, Glyn
Henderson, Don

Hoogstra, William
Hoover, Mark
Jones, David
Jones, Kelly
Kincaid, Richard
Kirkpatrick, Charles
Leavenworth, Russell
Lockett, Carl
Manning, Royce
McDonald, Donald
McGrew, Pam
Poynor, Kenneth
Ruiz, John
Shields, James
Smith, William A.
Williams, Earl
Williams, Randall
Williamson, Doug
Wolfe, Bobbie Lee

SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE

By Randy Williams

It is interesting to me, the places God sometimes takes us to obtain His wisdom.

The Dalai Lama says, "All major religious traditions carry basically the same message, this is love, compassion and forgiveness ... the important thing is they should be part of our daily lives."

In Matthew 5:3-10, this is how Jesus said it: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

These were the Beatitudes of which Jesus spoke in the Sermon On the Mount, fairly early in his ministry around the Galilee.

It almost sounds like it could be a commencement speech. This is the time of year when many of our young people are moving on from high school and college. Their heads are and will be filled with much information and knowledge.

The big question is, what good will it all be if they have no idea how to use it in the way they live. Jesus was keen on this point. In fact, he often commented on the so-called "wise" among the people and how even they would be confounded by his simple message.

You want to "Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time?" Teach our young people the wisdom of Jesus' Beatitudes so they can know how to use their knowledge and education for a life that is fulfilling in every way.

Directions to Prayer Breakfast

Our annual Division 35 Prayer Breakfast will be May 31st, at 6:45 a.m., at Bobbie Wolfe's Barn.

This is always a memorable event.

Here are the directions to Bobbie's barn.

Go south from Abilene on 83-84. Approximately 3 miles south of Abilene Regional Medical Center, turn left (east) on FM 204 (Clark Road). Go east 1 mile. Turn right (south) on Avenida DeSilva. 200 yards on right is the Wolfe's house, surrounded by a white fence. The barn is in the back. Park in the driveway

or on the street. The large circle driveway will hold several cars, plus the driveway to the barn.

Calendar

- May 30: Dr. Grant Janzen will speak on macular degeneration at our meeting at noon at the Abilene Country Club
- May 31: Annual Division 35 Prayer Breakfast @ Bobbie Wolfe's barn @ 6:45 a.m.
- Jun 21: Kiwanis Club of Abilene Board Meeting @ Bogies downtown @ noon

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