

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



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AISD: PASSING THE TEST

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, July 25, 2012

We welcome back Dr. Heath Burns, Superintendent of Abilene Independent School District, to try to give us an understanding of the new state testing mandates for the students in AISD.

Dr. Burns spoke to us on March 24, 2010, just a few months after taking on this responsible job, and he also spoke at the Division Prayer Breakfast that year.

He came to Abilene from the same position of the Angleton ISD in Angleton, Texas where he had served for 6 years.

He was also the Superintendent at Anderson-Shiro ISD for 4 years.

He graduated from Barbers Hill High School and Lamar University, and completed his Doctoral studies at Sam Houston State University.

Dr. Burns and his wife, Cherie, have been married for 11 years and are the proud parents of two sets of twins, Eli and Emma (age 9), and Gabe and Grant (age 7).

We encourage all our members to be in attendance if at all possible, and consider bringing a potential member as your guest.

You might even invite a teacher. . .they will not be tied up in the classroom on this meeting date!!



Dr. Heath Burns

Walking the Talk

Agriculture scholarships presented



(left to right) Gary Bomar, Ashley Cozby, Matthew Allmand and Ikie Taylor.

Agriculture scholarship winners and their parents were honored guests at the July 18th meeting.

They included:

Ashley Cozby of Jim Ned FFA. She will be attending Hardin-Simmons University in the fall.

Matthew Allmand, who will attend Cisco College.

Gunner Sansing of the Jim Ned FFA will receive a scholarship, but was unable to attend the presentation.

The Ag Scholarship Program is a joint project of the Greater, Key City and Abilene Kiwanis Club. The Greater Abilene Club was represented by Ikie Taylor.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting July 18, 2012

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Prayer.....	James Shields
Music	Bobbie Wolfe
Piano	Lora Lynn Christensen
Pledge	Zach Briley
Guests	Lew Lewis
Photographer.....	David Jones
Cup Money	\$50.48

In our prayers

- Janice, wife of Guinn Smith
- Linda, wife of Jud Powell
- Joan, wife of George Knight
- Henry McGinty
- Kirby Leeson and his wife, Delores
- Van Boozer
- LuGene Lewis

Guests

Guests.....	Guest of Member
Jerry Wright	Kiwanis Club of Fort Worth
Ken Bomar	Bill Hoogstra
Steve Perry	Bill Hoogstra
Mitchell Bradford.....	Nancy Miller
Ikie Taylor	Greater Abilene
Bobbi Bieberly	Greater Abilene
Lydia Long	Greater Abilene

The program

Jeff Goodin introduced non other than Mark Young as the speaker. Mark, former Kiwanis Club of Abilene President, and Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club gave an exciting update on the proposed Martinez Boys and Girls Club facility renovation. Some of those highlights are:

- 8,180 sq. ft building
- New Computer Lab
- New Study Hall
- New Game Room
- Terrific Dining Room and much more



Mark Young

Did we mention that Kimberley Cole said the facility is GY-NORMOUS! That means BIG, really BIG.

Mark shared an unbelievable family story. It might me he will tell you all about it if you ask. It was a delightful presentation to be certain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

More to chew on

Here's the latest report on our gumball operation from Gumball King Earl Williams:

- 1,115 machines in operation
- 287 machines read in June
- \$409.92 received
- \$253,514.00 Grand total to date



Welcome our newest member

Amanda Martin has joined the Kiwanis Club of Abilene, the best service club in this, or any other, universe. She was sponsored by Christine Curtis-Carr, and welcomed in our July 18th meeting.

Amanda, who is the 8th Club Satellite member, was joined at the meeting by several other Club Satellite members.

In the picture above, President Charles Kirkpatrick presents Amanda with her Kiwanis information as her sister and Kiwanis sponsor Christine Curtis-Carr looks on.

Welcome Amanda!

Volunteers needed NOW

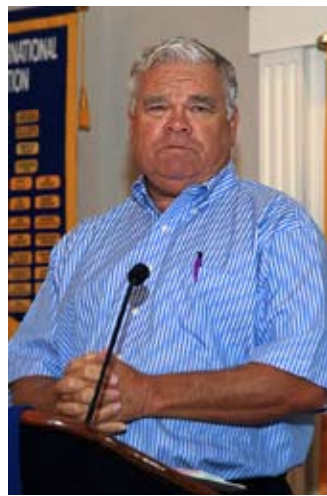
We need some more help working the gates at the State 4-H horse Show. Contact Gary Bomar for details or go to <http://taylor.agrilife.org/> and select state 4-H horse show volunteer to sign up. 4-Hers are in town until July 28th.

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Snapshots from our meeting



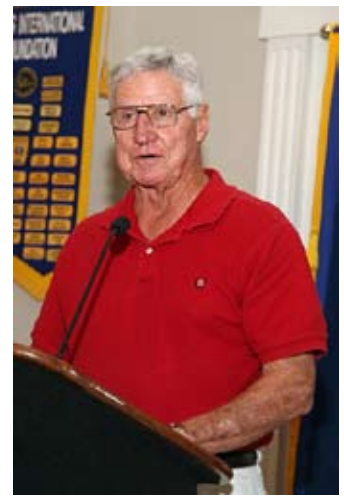
Nancy Miller presented a report on the Kiwanis International Convention.



Jerry Wright brought a greeting from the Kiwanis Club of Ft. Worth.



Lew Lewis welcomed our guests.



Jeff Goodin introduced the program.

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go to <http://kiwanisconvention.com/>

International Convention update

Nancy Miller communicated this was one of the best International Conventions she has attended. There were many helpful sessions and it was exciting to hear what other clubs are doing.

June Perfect Attendance

The following had perfect attendance for the month of June:

Tim Adcock
Rob Allen
David Bacon
Russell Berry
Curtis Blackburn
Van Boozer
Jamie Breed
Zach Briley
Price Brock
Ricki Brown
Ron Carroll
Lora Lynn Christensen
Roy Cloud
Kimberley Cole
Gordon Dowell
Lynda Fogerson
Keith G. Garner

Glyn Hammons
David Jones
Richard Kincaid
Charles Kirkpatrick
Dennis Laster
Carl Lockett
Royce Manning
Donald McDonald
Nancy Miller
Don Paige
Kenneth Poynor
Jack Rentz
Donald Scargall
Edith Smith
William A. Smith
Earl Williams



On behalf of our club, Gary Bomar presented checks to Expo Center General Manager Rochelle Johnson. We are supporting the West Texas Fair & Rodeo Calf Scramble to the tune of \$300, and we contributed \$1,000 to the State 4-H Horse Show.

Kiwanis supports Expo Center

Rochelle Johnson, General Manager of the Expo Center of Taylor County, accepted a \$300 check for the calf scramble at the 2012 West Texas Fair and Rodeo, plus a \$1,000 check in support of the Texas State 4-H Horse Show.

T-O convention coming up soon

The Texas-Oklahoma District Kiwanis Convention is just around the corner. Note that attendees must register online for this event. For details and to register

SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE

By Randy Williams

The other day I saw a news story about a man who was 89 years old and finally achieving his PhD. I was impressed that at such an advanced age he was still pursuing higher education.

What could he possibly do with it? And then it occurred to me, most of the time our attitudes toward education is to allow us to achieve some kind of vocation.

Someone once said, "Learn as if you were to live forever; Live as if you were to die tomorrow." How profound. You remember that dash between the dates on a grave stone? Living each moment to the full.

I imagine that Jesus, knowing his time was coming, lived every moment to the fullest. But it was He who said, "I came so that everyone would have life, and have it in its fullest (John 10:10)." So, how do we do that? How do we live our lives to the fullest? Don't worry (Matthew 6); Love much (I John 4:12); Laugh often (Phil. 4:4); be thankful always (Col. 2: 6-7); and live in peace (John 14:27).

I imagine that the old gentleman who continued to seek knowledge into his later years was doing it because he just loved learning new things. No agenda! Just living life to its fullest.

Do you want to "Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time"? Encourage the folks around you to walk free of worry, in love, laughing, being thankful, and enjoying the peace of God.

Calendar

- Aug. 4: Division 35 Club Leadership Training (incoming officers), 9 a.m.-noon @ University Church of Christ
- Aug. 7: Club satellite @ 6 p.m. @ Monks Coffee Shop
- Aug. 8-12: Kiwanis District Convention – Killeen
- Aug. 14: Division 35 Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. @ Cotton Patch Restaurant
- Aug. 16: Club Board Meeting @ Bogie's @ noon
- Sept. 26: Celebration meeting, during our regular club meeting

BIRTHDAYS

July

- Jul 26 Lora Lynn Christensen
- Jul 27 Mark Hoover
- Jul 29 John Snapp

August

- Aug 3 Dennis R. Laster
- Aug 5 Faye Dodson
- Aug 5 Bill R. Hoogstra
- Aug 13 Twyla Young
- Aug 14 Tom M. Aguilar

Aug 20 Price Brock

Aug 20 Margaret A.

Hoogstra

Aug 21 Ricki Brown

Aug 23 Leonard Brock

Aug 25 Henry McGinty

Aug 28 Dick Kincaid

September

Sep 4 Tim Adcock

Sep 13 Doug Williamson

Sep 15 George W. Knight

Sep 17 Jamie Breed

Sep 19 Lynda Fogerson

Sep 21 Pete Oldham

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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. Walk the Talk!

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- Lora Lynn Christensen - Immediate Past President
- 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

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