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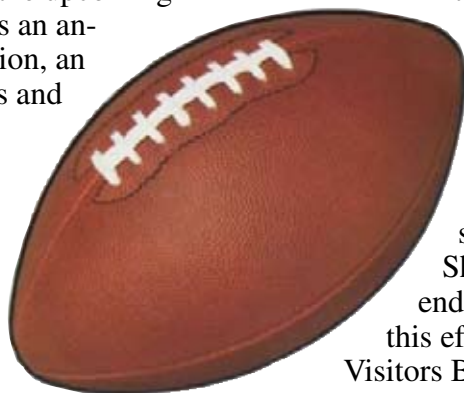
ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, August 8, 2012

Sniff, Sniff. That's pigskin you smell in the air. It's that time again.....are you ready for some football?

Our local high school football coaches are primed to present their hopes and dreams for the upcoming season to our club this Wednesday. It's an annual program that has become a tradition, an exciting expectation for both members and coaches.

Be in attendance to hear from Mark Coley, coach of last years State Champion Abilene Christian High School. Coach Todd Moebes from Cooper High School will let us in on his impressions after his first year at Cooper and prospects for this season. Coach Steve Warren, winning coach of this summer's All-Star Football Game and just named as President-Elect of the Texas High School Coaches Assn. will inform us on his expectations for the Abilene High School Eagles. Hopefully, Coach Hugh Sandifer, just recently inducted into the



Texas High School Coaches Hall of Fame, will be able to talk to us about the prospects for Wylie High school's season in one of the toughest football districts in the state. He always has a conflict with district meetings on these weeks, but hopefully he or one of his assistants will be able to be here.

We've also invited Gary Grubbs from the Sports Alliance Committee to briefly visit with us about the series of games scheduled for historic Shotwell Stadium in the coming week-ends. Gary is the head cheerleader for this effort by the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau in behalf of our city, and is employed as the marketing director of the Lawrence Hall enterprises.

Please show your support by your attendance at this meeting and consider inviting a guest. . . a potential member. . . and introduce them to a club that cares for the youth in Abilene and the ones who lead them.

Celebrating 25 years of women in Kiwanis

Ricki Brown and Faye Dodson were taking orders for 25 Years of Women in Kiwanis T-Shirts at last week's meeting.

See more details on page 2



Important Reminder

Key City North and the Downtown clubs have decided to close.

We believe the Key City North club will merge with Greater Abilene.

If you know members of that group who cannot make a Thursday meeting, invite them to join us. If you know members of the Downtown club, invite them to become members of our club.

It is sad to see clubs close. Clubs are made of members who joined to find a place to serve. We have so many opportunities for service in the Kiwanis Club of Abilene. Let's reach out and encourage them to join us.

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Walk the Talk!

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting August 8, 2012

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Prayer.....	Guinn Smith
Music	Randy Williams
Piano	Jamie Breed
Pledge	Don Paige
Guests	Royce Manning
Brag Basket (Lew Lewis)	\$18.00
Cup Money	\$29.41

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

Guests

Guests.....	Guest of Member
Linda Egle.....	Gordon Dowell
Bobbie Bieberly	Greater Abilene
Lorne Sutherland	Greater Abilene

The program

Melvin Martin introduced Sparky Dean as the speaker today. An outstanding DPS officer for 35 years, he has been the voice of the DPS and done an outstanding job.

Melvin shared that Sparky was named by his sister at a very early age and the name stuck!

Sparky shared some of his “bucket list” of things to do in life, and several stories, some humorous moments and some sad moments.

In addition he gave practical advice and all was certainly interesting. He encouraged us to “go see the Melvin Martin for Children’s Safety also known as Safety City”. The impact of Safety City is amazing and makes a tremendous difference in the lives of children.

Advice:

Be careful as you drive

Road Rage – Do not make eye contact with an anger driver

Hand Guns – Gun safety is key

Be prepared for the unexpected

Have a plan

This was certainly an interesting program. It was terrific to sense Sparky’s passion for the work that he continues to do so very well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Gordon Dowell, Chair of our International Projects Committee, presented Linda Egle of Eternal Threads a check in the amount of \$1600.

International Comm. presentation

Gordon Dowell introduced Linda Egle, founder and President of Eternal Threads which is an organization in Abilene at 101 Walnut Street. One outreach for Eternal Threads is helping intercept young women from Nepal who are forced into sexual exploitation. Funds presented today in the amount of \$1,600 will be used to help with the Nepal effort to train these women to support themselves and their families by training them and setting these ladies up in their own businesses.

Special program coming Sept. 19

Celebrating 25th anniversary of Women In Kiwanis. Mark your calendar for a very special program on September 19th when we will celebrate the impact of Women in Kiwanis. We would like to encourage all of our female Kiwanians to attend this meeting and wear pink that day. Women In Kiwanis T-Shirts are available and can be ordered at the August 15th meeting or by contacting Faye Dodson at Kiwanis@abilenekiwanis.org

Calendar

- Aug. 14: Division 35 Council Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. @ Cotton Patch Restaurant
- Aug. 16: Club Board Meeting @ Bogie’s @ noon
- Sept. 15: AISD Walk for Graduates 2012
- Sept 19: Celebrating the 25-Year Anniversary of Women in Kiwanis
- Sept. 26: Celebration meeting, during our regular club meeting

Snapshots from the meeting



Randy Williams led the singing.



Royce Manning welcomed our guests.



Lew Lewis passed the Brag Basket.



Melvin Martin introduced the program.

Thanks from the Kiwanis International Foundation

Dear Charles,

Each year, the Kiwanis International Foundation helps Kiwanians serve children. Our grants fund service projects and initiatives. We also help ensure that young Kiwanis-family members develop service and leadership skills and receive scholarships for higher education.

That's why we are so grateful for the Annual Club Gift of \$520 that the Kiwanis Club of Abilene made. Thanks to club gifts like yours, more children will be

fed, clothed and kept healthy. More young people will achieve their higher-education goals. And more lives will be saved.

Charles, your club's gift is making a difference in children's lives. Thank you for partnering with us to help change the world—one child and one community at a time.

Respectfully,
D. Hugh Siggins
President, Board of Trustees

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