

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



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## **CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF WOMEN IN KIWANIS** **Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, September 19, 2012**

Come join us this week as we celebrate 25 years of Kiwanis membership for women.

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

We are most likely the most unique club in all of Kiwanis International in at least one way. We have a two-time District Governor in Nancy Miller.

Honestly, I don't know what we did without women in Kiwanis.

It'll be a great program. See you there Wednesday.



## **We salute First Responders**

It was our pleasure to once again honor our first responders. Trooper Sparky Dean of the Texas Department of Public Safety was this year's honoree with the Melvin Martin First Responders Award.

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**Walk the Talk!**

**KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE**  
**Weekly Meeting September 12, 2012**  
**Abilene Country Club**

Led Meeting.....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Prayer.....	Bill Hoogstra
Music .....	Mark Young
Piano .....	Tim Adcock
Pledge .....	Rob Allen
Guests .....	Don Scargall
Brag Basket (Jeffry Utter, newest member).....	\$20.00
Cup Money .....	\$46.31

**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

**Guest**

Guests.....	Guest of Member
Crystal Hickerson & Elle .....	Mark Young
Jason Weltzin .....	Jud Powell
Karen Hendrick.....	Nancy Miller
Chief Stan Standridge .....	Club
Asst. Chief Doug Wren.....	Club
Officer Joe Tauer of APD.....	Club
Officer Brian Cokonougher of APD .....	Club
Officer Tonny Lassetter of APD.....	Club
Mary Ann Martin .....	Club
Chaplain Donna Kleman of APD.....	Club
Tracy Gates of Safety City .....	Club
Steven Bockenfeld of Safety City .....	Club
DPS Captain Doug Farber .....	Club
DPS Lt. Todd Ross.....	Club
Stan Waters of the DPS.....	Club
Rose Dean .....	Club
Sparky Dean of the DPS .....	Club

**The program**

Melvin Martin introduced the program and numerous guests on Wednesday September 12th. Melvin shared the background of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Melvin Martin 1st Responder award and communicated previous recipients of the award.

Melvin took great pleasure in introducing Captain Doug Farber who in turn honored Trooper Sparky Dean as the 2012 recipient of the award.

Doug shared that Sparky joined the department in 1978, having served the last 19 years in Safety Education Services.



He said there were numerous letters of commendation in Sparky’s personnel file and only one complaint letter. That particular letter was from a criminal that did not like Sparky nailing him to the ground to handcuff him.

Doug stated that Sparky certainly had great skills and presented over 700 safety programs in 2011. A few positive traits relayed to the audience were, ethical, a heart for others, always positive. Doug concluded by stating that Sparky Dean is truly a great 1st responder and deserving of the award.

Sparky accepted the award and expressed appreciation. He said that while he was in college a friend was hit by a drunk driver. That single event changed his career path.

Chaplain Donna Kleman concluded this special program sharing the struggles and rewards 1st responders face on a daily basis.

“Their profession allows them to make a difference.” Chaplain Kleman said.

And that it does.

Thank you to all First Responders for a job well done and to Trooper Sparky Dean for making a difference in the lives of others.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Bringing someone to our Celebration meeting Sept. 26?**

Sign-up sheets for those who are bringing guests to the celebration meeting on September 26 were placed on the tables. The sheets will be out again this week.

# SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE

By Randy Williams

As my children were growing up, they became involved in many activities such as voice lessons, gymnastics, piano lessons, soccer, football, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, basketball, 4-H, just to name a few.

We had a rule: "You never start something that you don't finish."

I just thought that it was important for them to not be quitters. They would face struggles and want to quit but their mother and I would not let them. This often resulted in much upset and turmoil but I believe they have grown to see the wisdom in such training.

Kotaku Wamura, mayor of a Japanese village, encountered a good amount of protest and opposition over the sea wall that he wanted to build in Northeast Japan.

Then came the recent tsunami and the sea wall saved the village from total destruction.

He stated, "Even if you encounter opposition, have conviction and finish what you start. In the end, people

will understand."

God is calling each of us to be people of conviction and character.

In Genesis 6, God is despairing over the wickedness that has overtaken humanity. Reluctantly, he decides to wipe out the human race and start from scratch. Noah, however, is the only one who has not been corrupted.

You know the story. God tells him to build an ark that will save him, his family, and a whole host of animal life. As he is boarding the ark, God says to him, "for you alone I have seen to be righteous before Me in this time."

Literally the whole world was doing what was wrong. But did that deter Noah from doing what was right? Not a chance!

You want to "Change the World, One Child and One Community at a time? Hold fast to the truth of God... it's what He is looking for in men. Funny, it's also what men are looking for in men.



## BIRTHDAYS

### September

Sep 17 Jamie Breed  
Sep 19 Lynda Fogerson  
Sep 21 Pete Oldham  
Sep 22 Pamela McGrew  
Sep 28 Roy Cloud

### October

Oct 13 Bobbie Wolfe  
Oct 22 Rosanna T. Herndon

Oct 23 Manuel Longoria  
Oct 30 Brandon Carr

### November

Nov 1 Ken A. Poynor  
Nov 2 Jack Harkins  
Nov 3 Brice West  
Nov 4 LuGene Lewis  
Nov 10 James L. Shields  
Nov 17 Jerry C. Carter  
Nov 22 John Ruiz  
Nov 25 Jud Powell

Nov 26 Raymond McDaniel  
Nov 27 Christine Curtis-Carr

### December

Dec 9 Curtis Blackburn  
Dec 9 Gordon Dowell  
Dec 12 Charles Kirkpatrick  
Dec 23 Glyn Hammons  
Dec 23 Russell Leavenworth  
Dec 28 David A. Vela  
Dec 31 Kenny Smith

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### Thanks, Lt. Gov. Carl

Lt. Governor Carl Lockett led the final Division Council meeting for the year on 9/11/12. Christine Curtis-Carr and President Charles Kirkpatrick expressed appreciation to Carl for a job well done. Kiwanis Club attendees at the meeting were:

Lt. Gov Carl Lockett, Tim Adcock, Faye Dodson, Christine Curtis-Carr, Charles Kirkpatrick, Bobbie

Wolfe, Kelly Jones, Bill Hoogstra and Nancy Miller.

### Calendar

- Sept 19: Celebrating the 25-Year Anniversary of Women in Kiwanis
- Sept. 20: Board Meeting @ noon @ Bogie's
- Sept. 26: Celebration meeting, during our regular club meeting



**Bill Hoogstra led the opening prayer.**



**Capt. Doug Farber paid tribute to Trooper Sparky Dean.**



**Abilene Police Chaplain Donna Kleman presented the program.**



**Our newest member, Jeffrey Utter, passed the brag basket.**



**Melvin Martin, Trooper Sparky Dean and Dean's wife Rose.**



**Jamie's t-shirt says it all: "Kiwanis, it's all about the kids."**



**Mark Young's daughter and granddaughter were guests.**

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