

## **WHAT'S INFLUENCING THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION? Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, October 10, 2012**



Paul Fabrizio is currently the Vice President for Academic Affairs and a Professor of Political Science at McMurry University.

He was born in California and attended the University of Southern California.

He received his Ph.D. in American Politics at Emory University in Atlanta and has been at McMurry since 1996.

He co-hosts a radio show called "The Professors" on KWKC 1340 AM weekdays at 4pm with McMurry Religion Professor Bill Libby.

He is married to Ginger Fabrizio, a Physician Assistant at the Medical Care Mission in Abilene and they have two children who both attend Abilene High School.

Dr. Fabrizio will share his unique views of the current national political scene and provide insight into those dynamics that will most likely be brought to bear upon the upcoming Presidential Election.

## **New officers, board installed by Lt. Gov. Kelly Jones**



**Division 35 Lt. Governor Kelly Jones installed the new officers and board. This looks to be another great year for the Kiwanis Club of Abilene.**

**KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE**  
**Weekly Meeting October 3, 2012**  
**Abilene Country Club**

Led Meeting.....	Randy Williams
Prayer.....	Curtis Blackburn
Music .....	Ken Poynor
Piano .....	Jamie Breed
Pledge .....	Mack Sipe
Guests .....	Lora Lynn Christensen
Cup Money .....	\$29.19
Brag Basket (Brice West) .....	\$9.00

**In our prayers**

Janice, wife of Guinn Smith Linda, wife of Jud Powell and Joan, wife of George Knight

Remember Henry McGinty; Van Boozer, Kirby Leeson and his wife, Delores

Praise that Roy Dent’s rotor cuff surgery went well and Roy was in attendance at the September 19th meeting.

**Guests**

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Gay Lynn Williams .....	Randy Williams

**The program**

The meeting on October 3rd was an exciting day for a New Beginning of yet another Great Kiwanis Year. Incoming President, Randy Williams opened the program by naming past presidents who are still active in this club. “Whoa”, said Randy, “think of the heritage established for this club!” Randy shared what drew him to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene as he sought out a service organization and mentioned that Melvin Martin was a great influence in his decision to join.

Randy communicated that we are here to serve kids and the community. “Why do we serve kids?” asked Randy. God says, “Children are a blessing”. Helping children multiples our impact. If we can impact children, we just might impact their parents and family members. The children we serve truly are our future leaders and these kids today ARE impressive.

Randy challenged us to serve others, to get involved. He stated, “This is your club, success depends on you.” What will you do to make a difference in this community?

It is evident that we need new members. To make that successful everyone needs to be involved. New member sponsors will be expected to mentor the new member for one year and a method to recognize new members will change slightly. We used colored ribbons previously but will go a different direction this



**Curtis Blackburn led the opening prayer**



**It was good to have Brice West back after a leave of absence.**

year using stars on new member badges to identify involvement.

We need to activate members: Randy set a goal of 80% involved. Currently about 60% of the membership are participating regularly. That number can improve.

Randy challenged leaders: “Leaders cannot lead anyone further than they have gone themselves. Lead by example”. To members, Randy stated, “If you want to make a difference, you can. It is a matter of choice.”

Improvement does start with “I”. And “I can be involved”.

He closed by personalizing Galatians 5:13

“For you Kiwanians have been called to freedom. Use it to love and serve one another.”

Let’s get involved in 2012-2013.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Ramp Building Project**

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene is teaming up with Dyess We Care to build ramps on Saturday November 3rd. The goal is to build 12 ramps in one day. The team is working on modules now at the Global Samaritan warehouse in preparation for the big day. You do not have to be a carpenter to help. Kelly Jones also communicated the ramp committee would like to train a couple of teams to build modules as an ongoing project. Building the modules prior to “going on site” is a tremendous help in the success of the projects. This is a great way to make a difference for others.

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Contact Dennis Laster, Bill Hoogstra, Kelly Jones, Jerry Carter or Curtis Blackburn for more details and to Get Involved.

## Abilene Weatherization Program

At least 300 volunteers are needed to assist approximately 50 families with weatherization of their homes. The work day is scheduled for Saturday October 13th. Contact Randy Williams for additional details and to Get Involved.

## Divisional Summit Meeting

Ranger College, Early Texas. This will be a one-half day work shop led by Tx-Ok Governor Ann Wilkins. Plans are to leave Abilene at 7:00 am and return by 2:30 on Saturday October 13th. The workshop will be a great time to meet our Governor and to see a "bigger Kiwanis picture." Contact Kelly Jones for additional details. Sign Up sheets will be

## SPIRITUAL AIMS THOUGHT TO PONDER

*By Gordon Dowell*

### REMEMBERING THE PAST/EMBRACING THE FUTURE

On September 26th we as a club celebrated the accomplishments of the 2011-2012 Kiwanis year. We saw evidence via a Power Point by outgoing President Kirkpatrick how we had "walked the talk." We honored those to whom honor was due. We remembered and lamented the passing of three great Kiwanians during the Kiwanis year... Clarence Presswood, H.B. Terry and James Castle.

Now, under the leadership of President Randy Williams, we are ready to embrace a new Kiwanis year, a

available at the October 10th meeting.

## Calendar

- October: See by Three begins in October. Contact Glyn Hammons to get involved.
- Oct. 10 - Our club meeting: Dr. Paul Fabrizio from McMurry University gives us an overview of the upcoming election.
- Oct. 14: Summit Training with Governor Ann Wilkins, Early Texas
- Oct. 17: Our club meeting: Andy Vestal speaks on Homeland Security.
- Oct. 18: Board meeting, Bogie's Sandwich Shop, noon
- Oct. 24: Mike "The Piano Man" Schuler will perform.
- Nov. 6: ELECTION DAY and Club Satellite Meeting, Mezamiz Coffee Shop, 3909 South 7th Street

year that will be filled with opportunities for service, to children, to adults and communities. Regardless of age, gender, handicap...or whatever...let's find no excuses such as "been there, done that" or "let someone else do it," but with vigor grasp each opportunity to serve.

The writer of Eccl. states "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might." Good advice for Kiwanians..or anyone else. Let's get behind the leadership of President Randy to make Kiwanis year 2012-2013 a banner year for the Kiwanis Club of Abilene!

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