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DR. TOM A. 'ANDY' VESTAL

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, October 17, 2012

Dr. Tom A. "Andy" Vestal will be our speaker this week.

He is a professor and Extension specialist serving as director of the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service a Texas A&M System education agency.

He holds degrees from A&M, Texas Tech University and Tarleton state University.

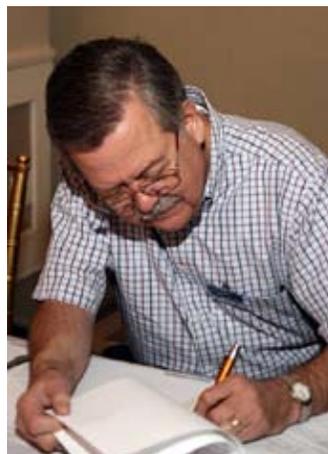
He was recognized by the Texas A&M System Board of Regents in 2009 as a Regent's Fellow for his lifetime accomplishments serving the food and agriculture industries and citizens of Texas. Dr. Vestal served as associate director for the Texas A&M Institute for Food Science and Engineering from 2000-2005 and is currently a principle investigator at the National Center for Foreign Animal and Zoonotic Disease Defense. He provides leadership for innovative food and agriculture homeland security and disaster preparedness, response and recovery programs within the agency and externally with food and agriculture industry partners.

His scholarship also includes more than 450 radio and television broadcasts and 230+ articles in popular press, have been featured on CBS This Morning, Progressive Farmer, Farm Bureau Radio Network, Clear Channel Radio, and the nationally syndicated radio program The Osgood Files. Serving in many positions



across the state within the Texas A&M System since 1977 his work has distinguished him as an innovator in communicating science and technology to the public.

He also serves on the graduate faculty in the Colleges of Agriculture at both Texas A&M and Texas Tech Universities.



Dr. Paul Fabrizio presented the program

Ken Poynor's brother, Carl, was a guest at today's meeting.

President-Elect Mark Hoover added his name to the club's authorized signature list.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
Weekly Meeting October 10, 2012
Abilene Country Club

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| Led Meeting..... | Randy Williams |
| Prayer..... | Don Scargall |
| Music..... | Ken Poynor |
| Piano..... | Jamie Breed |
| Pledge..... | Tim Adcock |
| Guests..... | Jamie Breed |
| Cup Money..... | \$35.23 |
| Brag Basket (Jerry Carter)..... | \$11.00 |

In our prayers

Jimmy and Lake Monhollon
 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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| Guests..... | Guest of Member Gary Poynor..... | Ken Poynor |
| Joan Batson..... | David Batson | |

The program

Randy Williams introduced Dr. Paul Fabrizio as the speaker for the October 10th meeting. Dr. Fabrizio, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Political Science at McMurry University, shared his views on the current political scene. He provided staggering statistics related to donations and the number of individuals who have contributed to the political campaigns for both the Democratic and Republican parties. It was interesting to learn how close the funds raised are at this time and the makeup of contributors. While Dr. Fabrizio did not communicate who he thought would win, he certainly presented insightful and thought provoking information.

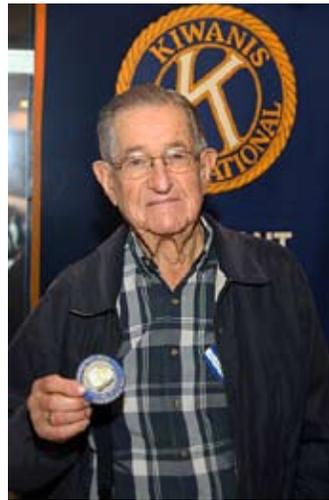
President Randy Williams closed the meeting with the following quote:

“Tell me and I’ll forget. Show me, and I May not remember. Involve me and I’ll understand.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dub, a shoe in

Dub Pritchett was recognized as an individual giver for the 2011-2012 Tx-Ok Shoes for Orphans Souls Project. Dub received a patch to be added to the club



Longtime member Dub Pritchett was given a patch for our banner for his contributions to the Shoes for Orphan Souls Project.



Past Lt. Governor Carl Lockett was presented with a Kiwanis Life Membership by Division 35 for his service to Kiwanis.

banner for his participation.

Carl, for Life

Randy Williams presented Past Lt. Governor Carl Lockett with a Kiwanis Life-Time Membership award. Carl was recognized by Tx-Ok and Kiwanis International for his faithful service to Kiwanis over the years. Congratulations Carl.

Volunteers sought

Hendrick Hospice Volunteers are needed to help during the holiday season to work 2 hour shifts. This begins on November 23 and goes through December 23rd. Contact Don Paige to get involved.

Annual American Heart Walk

Russell Berry said the club has always been supportive of the American Heart Walk and encouraged members to participate again this year. He will be taking donations in the coming weeks. All proceeds will go to the American Heart Association.

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 said 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. Contact Dennis Laster, Bill Hoogstra, Kelly Jones, Jerry Carter or Curtis Blackburn for more details.

Calendar

- October: See by Three begins in October. Contact Glyn Hammons to get involved.

- Oct. 18: Board meeting, Bogie’s Sandwich Shop, noon
- Oct. 24: Mike “The Piano Man” Schuler will perform for our club meeting at noon at the Abilene Country Club.
- Oct. 31: Lynn Lawhon will speak to our club about his experience as an NFL replacement official at noon at the Abilene Country Club..
- Nov. 6: ELECTION DAY and Club Satellite Meeting, Mezamiz Coffee Shop, 3909 South 7th

SPIRITUAL AIMS THOUGHT TO PONDER

By Gordon Dowell

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.” Eph 2:8

God’s grace is the most amazing concept in the Bible! Sinking in the quagmire of the human rebellion, He lifts us up through our faith in His Son---to forgive us, to save us, to give us eternal life! “What a powerful thought, one that should fill us with great joy. The writer goes ahead to say, “not of works, so no one can boast” Religious people have quibbled over this for years, but when all is said, God’s grace trumps human efforts hands down. Gratitude-inspired love of the Lord, and service to mankind, is what God desires!

But for most of us, human grace becomes a far greater challenge. In teaching his disciples to pray, one phrase in Jesus prayer is, “and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.” Someone offends us, and the anger festers. Someone does wrong to us and we continue to remember it for a long time.

Someone hurts us emotionally and it’s so difficult for us to move beyond it. Yet, it seems that God’s grace to us is limited only by our ability to forgive our debtors.

In the 60’s I served as President of the Texas Longhorn Recreation Lab, a training program for Extension workers from any state. Minorities had not been allowed to attend, but the board changed that policy that year. A long-term attendee from a southern state was so angry about it, he refused to shake my hand the next year. I had unintentionally offended him. I don’t know whether he ever forgave me or not. While it hurt, I forgave him. And we find ourselves in similar situations, situations where someone did something we didn’t like, and we find it difficult to forgive them. God would have us to “bury the hatchet,” to forgive.

As human beings, as Kiwanians, as people of the Kingdom, we have many opportunities to extend human grace. Let’s not forget the source of our forgiveness.

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