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'Piano Man' Mike Schuler

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, October 24, 2012

We're in for some great, fun entertainment this week. It comes from 'Piano Man' Mike Schuler.

Mike grew up in New York City playing the trumpet since age 9, performed in Carnegie Hall at 13, joined the U.S. Air Force Band at 17, and then came to college in Abilene where he studied music theory and composition.

He has traveled around the country and performed all over the state of Texas from Dallas/Ft Worth to South Padre Island, but he has always returned home to Abilene, where he is best remembered as the Piano Man at local venues like Crystal's Pizza, Cahoots, Ruby's, Cypress Street Station, Spano's, Embassy Suites, The Kiva Inn, The Paramount Theatre, The Mall of Abilene, Dyess Air Force Base, Fairway Oaks, The Petroleum Club, Abilene Country Club, HSU and ACU.

Mike has entertained thousands of school children both in person and through "The Piano Man" television show which ran for 6 years on local cable station AISD-TV. He continues to play at schools throughout the Abilene area whenever they call.

Abilene's Friendly Neighborhood Piano Man can currently be seen and heard every Wednesday evening at Heff's Burgers; Thursday, Friday & Saturday evenings downtown at Cypress Street Station; during intermission anytime there's a classic movie at The Paramount Theatre; once a week at HSU's cafeteria; and several times a week at ACU's World Famous Bean.



With an experienced mix of enthusiasm, congeniality, witty sense of humor, clever wardrobe, and a 5,000 song repertoire along with a sixth sense of what people want to hear - Mike plays piano and entertains audiences, customers, guests, and students with their favorite songs at just about every venue and event imaginable including restaurants, theaters, public schools, college campuses, wedding receptions, parties, luncheons, dinners, banquets, and various other special occasions both private and public in and around the Abilene, Texas area.

The Piano Man still travels "anywhere" for a gig!



Andy Vestal presented the program.

Danny Vestal was a guest of the club.

Ikie Taylor was with the Inter Club from Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

Weekly Meeting October 17, 2012

Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Randy Williams
Prayer.....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Music	Ken Poynor
Piano.....	Lora Lynn Christensen
Pledge.....	Lynda Fogerson
Guests.....	Zach Briley
Cup Money	\$29.23
Brag Basket (Jerry Carter).....	\$9.00

In our prayers

Rex Fleming, 11 year old who will have scan next week

Jimmie 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

Guests

Guests.....	Guest of Member
Dick & Joan Vestal.....	Club
Danny Vestal.....	Guy Lucas
Cynthia Laster	Dennis Laster
Gary Poynor.....	Ken Poynor
Brad Hill.....	Greater Abilene
Gary Jay.....	Greater Abilene
Gail Jay	Greater Abilene
Ikie Taylor.....	Greater Abilene

The Program

Robert Pritz introduced Dr. Andy Vestal as the speaker on 10/17/2012. Dr. Vestal is the Extension specialist serving as director of the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. The title of Dr. Vestal's talk was "Thank Goodness My County Has a Plan". He communicated details of the Instant Command System (ICS) and Emergency Support Systems (ESS) at local, state and federal levels of the United States. Dr. Vestal discussed preparedness, mitigation, response, recovery and educational resources. He reminded listeners to have a family management emergency plan. Helpful tools are available at <http://texashelp.tamu.edu/>. Check out this amazing web site! Materials are also available on eBooks.

President Randy Williams closed the meeting with the following statement:

Tell me and I'll forget. Show me, and I may not

remember. Involve me and I'll understand. Go out there and Get involved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gumball Report

There are currently 1,105 machines in operations. Sept Sales netted \$344.52, from 302 machines bringing the total to date of \$254,665.16.

New Member Investment Star Presentation

Randy introduced new member Barbara Fahrlender and presented her with a "new member star legend". Barbara will work to accomplish several steps such as attending a board meeting, serving as a greeter and sponsoring a new member. As each step is accomplished, Barbara will receive a star for her name badge. Have you met Barbara yet? If not, take that opportunity soon.

Thanks!

Thank you notes were shared from Harmony Family Serves, Hendrick Children's Home Salvation Army, and the Day Nursery of Abilene.

Volunteers Needed

The Salvation Army is in need of volunteers for their annual Angel Tree project. Call Lindsey at 677-1408 to sign up or learn more details.

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.

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. Contact Dennis Laster, Bill Hoogstra, Kelly Jones, Jerry Carter or Curtis Black-

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burn for more details and to get Involved.

F U a d D f c Y V M

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Calendar

- See by Three is underway. Contact Glyn Hammons to get involved.
- Oct. 25th: Food Bank of West Central Texas Celebration 5:00pm to 7:00pm
- Nov. 6th: ELECTION DAY and Club Satellite Meeting, Mezamiz Coffee Shop, 3909 So. 7th Street

- Nov. 13: Division Council, Al's Mesquite Grill, 6:30 pm
- Nov. 15: Board Meeting, Bogie's Sandwich Shop 12:00 noon
- Nov. 21: MEETING CANCELLED – Happy Thanksgiving

SPIRITUAL AIMS THOUGHT TO PONDER

By Gordon Dowell

Kiwanis started in 1915. In June 1924, the Kiwanis Convention held in Denver, CO adopted six permanent OBJECTS to guide the organization. These OBJECTS still serve as guiding purposes of Kiwanis. This article, and the next five, will consider each of these objects. Number 1: TO GIVE primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than to the material values of life.

This seems to be the reason we have a Spiritual Aims emphasis in all we do. Notice TO GIVE is an active verb; it focuses on something we do for someone else. And the focus is primacy to human and spiritual values. Primacy does not suggest exclusive focus rather major focus...in contrast to "the material values of life."

Why this emphasis, this contrast in values? We can only surmise that the early Kiwanians realized that human and spiritual values were far more redeeming and enduring than material values, and that an organization dedicated to rendering service must have a higher focus than acquiring material goods, wealth and power.

Check out these related scriptures:

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35 "Give, and it shall be given to you." Lk. 6:38 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth..." Matt.6:19f "...and love your neighbor as yourself" Lk. 10:27-37 As Kiwanians, our higher value is to dedicate ourselves to giving, to serving, to changing the world one child and one community at a time!

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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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