

CUBA: AN OPENING DOOR

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, November 28, 2012



Women gather at the United Nations protesting the Cuban blockade. Their signs read: "President Kennedy be Careful," "Peace or Perish," and "Let the UN Handle the Cuban Missile Crisis!"

October 2012 marked the 50th anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis, a crisis that threatened mankind's survival more than any in history. A 13-day confrontation between the Soviet Union and Cuba on one side, and the United States on the other, in October 1962. It is one of the major confrontations of the Cold War, and is generally regarded as the moment in which the Cold War came closest to turning into a nuclear conflict.

Although isolated from American commerce,

tourism, and mass media, Cuba has been relatively open to faith-based exchange over the last two decades. This crack in the door has allowed positive influences to flow into the country and created relational transformation of which most Americans are unaware. Larry Sanders, Director of Development for Herald of Truth, and Tim Archer will present our program next week, sharing the ministry's perspective on Cuba, its "opening door", and the future of relationships between our countries.



Larry Sanders, Juan Antonio Monroy, and Tim Archer at this year's Pepperdine Lectures. Juan, an international evangelist for Herald of Truth, will be mentioned in the program for his significant role in Cuban missions.



A volunteer drills during the construction of a wheelchair ramp for the Texas Ramp Project November 3rd.



A volunteer helps build a wheelchair ramp for a resident on South Third Street during the Texas Ramp Project on November 3rd.

A LOOK BACK

Kiwanis Club of Abilene in 1962

- Raymond Fain was introduced by Henry McGinty as the new Scoutmaster for Troop 6 which is sponsored by the club.
- Jim Griggs was the first new member to be introduced in 1962.
- The Kiwanigram cost the club \$21.00 per week to get printed.
- Reed Ingalsbe read a Resolution of Respect to Claude Willis. Claude "Skipper" was a great Kiwanian and was noted for being principal at College Heights School, Sea Scout Skipper and director of the water safety program at Camp Tonkawa.
- The club held a recognition program for the basketball coaches of the various schools of the city.
- The club awarded \$400 to support the high school science fair program.
- Clive Pierce was chosen to head up the ticket sales portion of the Pancake supper which is scheduled for April 24 in Rose Field House. The Mayor and County Judge has issued a Proclamation that April 24 be set aside as KI-WANIS PANCAKE FESTIVAL DAY. Six batter dispensers were purchased. Three new pancake griddles were built by Raymond McDaniel and Nib Shaw using materials donated by the Central Texas Iron Works and the facilities of the Texas Coca Cola Bottling Co. Aunt Jemima was an outstanding guest at the Festival. Ticket sales added up to 9,812 with an income of \$4,903.17 and a profit of \$3,504.89.
- Six club members and their wives attended the International Convention in Denver.
- The Club supported a 4-H exchange trip to Anamosa, Iowa with \$140.
- Sixteen members went on the old Eagle Bus to Brownwood for an Inter-Club. Dr. Joe Humphrey was the program for the day.
- Assistance was given the YMCA to purchase a bus by the club in June.
- The club cooperated with other clubs in a "Welcome Home" celebration of the 490th Civil Affairs Co. at the VFW Hall.
- International Kiwanis President Merle Tucker was the Commencement speaker at Hardin-Simmons University.
- Reed Ingalsbe started his campaign for election for Lt. Gov. Division 12 with a bus load of Kiwanians going to San Angelo for an inter-club and promotion.
- The club sponsored a distribution of blotters to all members of the Chamber of Commerce urging local business and professional men to hire college students. It contains the names of all the student placement officers of the local colleges. Cost the club \$150.00 and was done by the Vocational Guidance Committee.
- The club furnishes helmets, belts and flags to nearly a thousand safety patrol members.
- Kiwanis International installed a computer punch card system to keep the records of all Kiwanians.
- A list of the former members that have been recently deleted was printed in the Kiwanigram in an effort to get some Kiwanian to invite them to return to the Club.
- Nearly 2500 registrations at the Texas-Oklahoma District Convention at Oklahoma City set a record for attendance for this annual event.
- The Ladies Night Banquet was held at the Abilene High School Cafeteria on December 20, 1962. The speaker was Dr. Kenneth McFarland, who is rated as America's No. 1 Speaker. Three hundred thirty-two were in attendance to hear an outstanding address and a fine program.

Volunteers Needed

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

Angel Tree Project

Angel Tree Project-Call Lindsey with the Salvation Army at 677-1408 to sign up or learn more details.

Club Satellite Coat Project

Club Satellite has taken on the Coat Project from the Downtown Kiwanis Club. This is something EVERY Kiwanis member can participate in. November 28th is "Bring Cleaned Donated Coats Day". Please consider donating coats no longer needed to this important project. A cleaner in Abilene has volunteered to clean coats, however President Randy asked that we bring coats that have already been cleaned.

Calendar

- December 5th - Club Christmas Program *Each member is encouraged to bring an item for a gift drawing. Can be hand made, a re-gift item, etc.
- December 12th - Lucy Dawson and ACU

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- December 19th - Brandon Scott Thomas, Minister of Music for Highland Church of Christ
- December 26th - NO MEETING
- Kiwanis Division 35 Council will not meet in December. The next meeting will be Tuesday January 8, 2013 - 6:30pm Al's Mesquite Grill
- April 27th - PANCAKE DAY (mark your calendar)

BIRTHDAYS

- 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

History of Kiwanis

The first clubs were organized to promote the exchange of business among the members. However the members were distributing Christmas baskets to the poor.

A lively debate ensued between those who supported community service as the Kiwanis mission and those who supported the exchange of business. By 1919, the service advocates won the debate.

- Kiwanis was founded in Detroit, Michigan, on January 21, 1915.
- In the early years, Kiwanis clubs focused on business networking, but even then, members were serving the needs of the poor.

- By 1919, the organization had changed its focus from business to service.
- Kiwanis became an international organization in 1916 with the organization of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario.
- Kiwanis limited its membership to the United States and Canada until 1962 when worldwide expansion was approved.
- Until 1987, Kiwanis was a male-only organization. But after years of debate and growing support, women's membership was received overwhelmingly.

The Eliminate Project

Kiwanis is once again joining forces with UNICEF to confront another threat to the world's children. In June 2010, Kiwanis International announced The

Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus, which aims to save 129 million mothers and their future babies from the disease by the year 2015.

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