

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



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## Lucy Dawson: Immigration Specialist at ACU Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, December 12th, 2012



The process of adapting to a new culture gives one the unique opportunity to grow and develop as well as reflect on one's own culture and the host culture in a new way. Come and hear ACU international students share their stories as well as their insights into our cultural differences, and how we can learn from one another.

The panel discussion will be moderated by Lucy Dawson, who is currently the Immigration Specialist at Abilene Christian University. Lucy holds an M.A. in Intercultural Communication/Missions from Wheaton College. She has adjusted to life in Germany as a college student, and more recently, to life in China, living and working there for 7 years. A native of Wisconsin, Lucy has also enjoyed getting to know the culture of her newest home, Texas.



**Kimberley Cole(left) and Jamie Breed(middle) presented the program.**

**John Hewitt was introduced as a new member. John will attend Club Satellite.**

# KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

## Weekly Meeting November 28, 2012

### Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Randy Williams
Prayer.....	Guy Lucas
Music .....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Piano.....	Tim Adcock
Pledge.....	James Shields
Guests.....	Kelly Jones (no guests this week)
Cup Money .....	\$36.31
Brag Basket (Don Paige) .....	\$17.00

### In our prayers

Kimberley Cole  
Kirby Leeson and family  
Jimmie and Lake Monhollon  
Linda, wife of Jud Powell, and Joan, wife of George Knight  
Continue to remember: Henry McGinty, Van Booser, A.C. Johnson and others who may have health issues  
Prayer for our country and our leaders

### The Program

Jamie Breed and Kimberley Cole kicked off a fun Christmas scramble activity. Talk about exciting! Those girls did create excitement! I think everyone present can say there was fun in the confusion and it was certainly different from any other Kiwanis meeting of the year! The audience shared Christmas memories, including Don Scargall who brought a book given to him on December 25, 1942. The last story in the book was The Night Before Christmas which Don read for the group. Kimberley also shared numerous gift ideas and Lora Lynn Christensen played a beautiful Christmas medley. If you missed this meeting, you missed a fun time.

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

### New Member

Nancy Miller introduced John Hewitt as a new Club Satellite Member. John was a member of the Downtown Abilene Club and is retired from the USAF as Chief Msgt. John is married to Mary and shared that his job in the Air Force was as a weatherman. Welcome John!



**John Snapp presented Mark Young a check for the Boys & Girls Club.**

### Stamford Interclub

On December 5th- those traveling to Stamford for an early morning meeting was: Kelly Jones, Gary Poynor, Dennis Laster and Lora Lynn Christensen.

### Boys and Girls Club

John Snapp, Chairman of the Boys and Girls Committee presented a check in the amount of \$100.00 to Mark Young for the Boys and Girls Club to help support teen night.

### Ramp Building

Cody Crist (non-member ACU student) and Kelly Jones traveled to Brownwood to build a ramp and to train folks from Pecan Valley Kiwanis Club.

### Sophomore of the Year

Savannah Meek from Anson ISD was Kiwanis Club of Abilene winner for Sophomore Of The Year. She is involved in student council, fellowship of Christian students, church youth group, varsity athletics, FFA and UIL editorial writing. Savannah has volunteered with Meals on Wheels and Love and Care Ministries. According to Savannah, “Since I was a small child, my parents have taught my brother and me the importance of helping others. If someone is sick, we baked cookies and dinners to take to them. If someone need a ride to an appointment we load them up and take them. The Kiwanis motto ‘serving the children of the world’ really touched me. Service to others makes me feel as if I have made a difference in someone’s life and that makes me happy.” Sounds like we may have a future Kiwanian!

## Volunteers Needed

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

## Coat Project

Club Satellite has taken on the Coat Project from the Downtown Kiwanis Club. This is something EVERY Kiwanis member can participate in. Bring clean coats to any club meeting.

## Season's Greetings from TX-OK DISTRICT OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

The latest issue of Ki-Notes is available now. You can go to:

<http://www.txok-kiwanis.org/>

## Club Satellite

Royce Curtis was the guest speaker at the last Club Satellite meeting. He talked about the Qualities of a Leader

1. Patience – Have self-control in difficult situations. You don't have to be patient with poor performance, just patient in how you respond to it. Praise publically, but be specific. If you give false praise everyone knows it and it kills credibility. Admonish in private and stay stern, but avoid malice. Always praise more than you admonish.

2. Kind- Show encouragement and enthusiasm for your job. Say good morning and stop the e-mails and write a note!

3. Trust – trust others until they prove you wrong. It places confidence and listen to others. If you trust your team they will trust you. If a decision has already been made please do your best not to override it unless it is absolutely necessary.

4. Unselfish – Think of yourself less. Talented people don't like to be told what to do, but you don't have to always have it your way. Always as a leader surround yourself with people more talented than you.

5. Truthful – There is corporate truth and employee truth. Employee truth - Firing someone is NEVER easy and if you take pleasure in it you are NOT a good leader. When you have to fire, do so in truth. It should not be a surprise when someone is let go because the employee should have been given chances to correct the poor performance and behavior with written warnings that if the bad performance continued he or she would be terminated. I am not talking about a major grievance or illegal action which warrants immediate termination.

Corporate - Tell the truth about your organization or corporation because one day when you have to deliver bad news people/stakeholders will take it better because you were honest all along. Sometimes as a leader you can't divulge why a decision is being made to an employee, friend, etc. and you have to be willing to ask those to trust you are doing what is best.

6. Forgive – The longer you hold a grudge the longer it will hold you. Forgive those who have wronged you and your organization, but you don't have to forget. Be willing to give someone a second chance, especially if they ask for it, and be willing to admit when you have screwed it up. If you take responsibility and right an error in judgment, it can be a powerful message to those who work for you.

7. Dedicated – Stick to your values in good times and bad times. Good leaders are dedicated to being and living their goals.

Closing thoughts: Sometimes a leader is the one in a position of power and sometimes it is the person everyone listens too. Leadership comes in all forms of vocations, gender and ages. If you have to remind people you are in charge, you probably aren't.

## Calendar

- December Board Meeting, cancelled - Next meeting January 17, 2013
- December Division Council Meeting cancelled – Next meeting January 8th, 2013
- April 27th, 2013 - PANCAKE DAY (mark your calendar for this important date)

## BIRTHDAYS

Dec 12 Charles Kirkpatrick

Dec 23 Glyn Hammons

Dec 23 Russell Leavenworth

Dec 28 David A. Vela

Dec 31 Kenny Smith



# SPIRITUAL AIMS THOUGHT TO PONDER

*By Gordon Dowell*

Kiwanis Object number six must wait another week for discussion. This week we must focus on the joy and thrill of the Christmas season. Once a year, Christians throughout the world pause to reflect upon the miraculous advent...Jesus birth, God Incarnate, and the meaning of it all! Although I celebrate my own birthday today (#80), childlike thrills still fill my heart with the festivities of Christmas. But more serious thought causes me to ask, "Why would deity...the sovereign, Creator God, enter into the stream of human existence, and especially born as a baby born in a barn? Yet I know that without equivocation scripture answers this question. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (read also, Luke chapter 2 and John 1:1:14)

Imbuing mankind with free will created a problem for God, and for mankind. It meant that man rebelled against God, he sinned, a problem mankind couldn't correct on His own. God had to solve the problem. The answer was and is Jesus. His birth, his sinless life, his teaching, his miracles, his death on a cross, and his resurrection from the grave give us not only the GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD, but one full of grace and truth, and through faith, eternal life. Eph 2:8-9

Christmas is a time to remember this great event of human history, and a time for families to enjoy its

festivities. Christmas music, lighted Christmas trees, gift giving, music, food, laughter, expressions of love, celebration and worship are all part of this wondrous season. But let's never forget the reason for the season. "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isa 9:6 Real, lasting, internal and external peace will occur in the world only through acceptance by mankind of God's solution to the sin problem!



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