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Brandon Scott Thomas

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, December 19th, 2012



Brandon grew up in Abilene and attended Abilene Christian University. Shortly after graduation he moved to Nashville, TN where he became involved with Gary Musick Productions casting and producing shows for Norwegian, Celebrity and Oceana Cruise Lines as well as events for CMA country music label, Big Machine Records. Brandon is also the producer and singer for the ZOE group.

You won't want to miss this program! Brandon will truly bless us.



Brandon Scott Thomas, Minister of Music for the Highland Church of Christ will be our program guest Wednesday, December 19th. His topic echoes the theme of the program he produced and sang in at the Paramount on Sunday evening December 3rd. Simply put, it's the story of God's advent into the world, the story of the birth of his beloved Son, Jesus. It will tell the story in song as revealed in scripture.



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presented the program.

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KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
Weekly Meeting
December 12th, 2012
Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Randy Williams
Prayer.....	Guinn Smith
Music	Charles Kirkpatrick
Piano.....	Lora Lynn Christensen
Pledge.....	Russell Leavenworth
Guests.....	Jamie Breed
Cup Money	\$25.91
Brag Basket (Don Paige)	\$11.00

In our prayers

Zach Briley who was is in the hospital at the time of this report

Kirby Leeson and family

Jimmie and Lake Monhollon-Lake is not doing very well at this time and needs our prayers

Linda, wife of Jud Powell, and Joan, wife of George Knight

Continue to remember: Henry McGinty, Van Boozer, A.C. Johnson and others who have health issues

Pray for families who have lost loved ones and the difficulties experienced during this time of year. Especially pray for families who lost loved ones in the recent tragedy in Connecticut.

Guests

Chief Warrant Officer 2 John A Kerns.....	Guest of Club
1st Sergeant Dale Frerich.....	Guest of Club
Gunnery Sergeant David Ransbottom....	Guest of Club
Daming Yu from China.....	Guest of Club
Miky Trivedi from India.....	Guest of Club
Baptiste Kerjean from France	Guest of Club

The Program

Nancy Miller introduced Lucy Dawson as the speaker for the December 12th meeting. Lucy, who is currently the Immigration Specialist at Abilene Christian University, introduced three students who shared a little about themselves and their experiences as students in Abilene, Texas. Lucy communicated that ACU has approximately 200 International Students who represent 43 different countries this year. The students shared observations and communicated some of the things they enjoyed about being in the United States. One of those observations was the friendliness of Americans, as communicated by Daming, from China, who stated it is pleasing that people speak to each other as they walk down



We presented \$500 to the US Marines' Toys for Tots program.

the street. That doesn't necessarily happen in China. When asked what Americans could learn from different cultures Miky, who is from India, shared that Americans could learn the importance of walking to their destination more often. It is good for our health.

This was certainly an interesting and delightful program.

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."



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Back Kiwanians-We miss you when you are not here:

It was good to see Jim Berry, Chris and Kristen Carnohan present at the December 12th meeting!

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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 especially on December 19th.

Ramp Committee – Staying Busy

Those who worked to build a ramp on December 12th were Dennis Laster, Kelly Jones, Jerry Carter, Curtis Blackburn, Gary Poynor, Roy Dent and William Smith. Way to Go Team! We appreciate your efforts and know that it makes such a difference to those you serve.

Club Satellite 12-4-12 Meeting:

Newest member, John Hewitt gave an update on the coat project. Four schools are participating by providing unclaimed coats to the club and several cleaners in town have agreed to clean coats

at no cost; however Kiwanis Club President, Randy Williams encourages members to bring clean coats to any club meeting. Coats will be delivered to the Christian Service Center on December 21st. The goal is to collect 200 to 300 coats for children, youth and adults.

Guest speaker, Royce Curtis, retired AISD Associate Superintendent for Personnel and AHS principal spoke about the qualities of a successful leader.

A terrific group of thirteen folks attended the December meeting.

Calendar

- December 26th Meeting cancelled – MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- 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 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 permanent Object #6 is "TO COOPERATE in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which makes possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will."

What a wonderful continuing Objective of the Kiwanis organization, a group of volunteers who cooperate to change the world one child and one community at a time?! We as members of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene have the opportunity each week to create and maintain through intervention in the lives of youth and others "sound public opinion and high idealism" which indeed makes possible"

1. the increase of righteousness. God is our standard, Jesus is our means to righteous living, being led by the Spirit, allowing our speech to be seasoned with grace, and acting as children called by God. By the example of our lives, we influence not just one another, but youth, community leaders, program guests, and in general the citizens of Abilene,

2. the increase of justice. Who better stands for a just and orderly society than Kiwanis?, So much injustice exists in the world, even in America. Our goal should always be to act with compassion and justice toward all,

3. the increase of patriotism. Have you ever noted the number of active and retired military personnel in our club, the number of patriotic programs each year and the fervor with which the Pledge of Allegiance is said? Kiwanians stand -up for America!

4. and, the increase of good will. Who in the community has a better community image than Kiwanis? We seek the good will of all through our thoughts, actions and programs.

Where do such high ideals originate, in the mind of man? Hardly...only by being attuned to the heart of God. That is our object, and service is our mission!

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.

Kiwanis Service Footprint

Service is at the heart of every Kiwanis International club, no matter where in the world it's located. Kiwanis members stage nearly 150,000 service projects, devote more than 6 million hours of service and raise nearly US\$107 million every year for communities, families and projects. Key Club members pitch in 12 million hours of service each year, and CKI members another 500,000 hours of service! Action club members donate another 92,000 hours of service every year. Add it all up, and that's more than 18 million hours of service every year!

Kiwanis through the years : 1967

- Lt. Gov. Neil Daniel conducted the installation ceremony of the new club officers at the regular meeting on Jan. 4. Rex Kyker, District Governor for Texas-Oklahoma District opened a District Office in Abilene to serve more than 15,000 Kiwanians in 334 Clubs. Bert Chapman is the District Secretary and Mrs. Maurine Barbour is the Assistant Secretary.
- Joe Reed, manager of the Windsor Hotel, gave

notice that the meal costs will go from \$1.50 to \$1.75 on February 1st. This will cost the club an additional \$2000 to come from the administrative account. Where will the money come from?

- The board voted to set aside \$1500 for International Convention expense money. This convention will be in Houston in June.
- Sam Hill, Chairman of the Agriculture & Conservation Committee, has arranged for the club to present \$50 to Wylie High School and \$75 to Abilene and Cooper High Schools to assist with staging their local livestock shows.
- Pancake Ticket sales campaign kicked off on March 8. This year it will be ham instead of bacon at the Pancake Supper. Last year Lamar Moore sold a ticket at the airport to a soldier on his way to Vietnam, and one to a friend while attending to business in Kansas City. BIG IDEA is to sell the CAUSE or REASON; not a ticket. There were 11 Kiwanians who became members of the "200 Club" having sold more than 200 tickets. Lamar Moore sold 2500 tickets, George Stowe 617, Clive Pierce, 560. Total sales were 13,188. Gross income \$6801. Net profit at \$5350.
- The NIB SHAW DAY was magnificent, moving, momentous. Ed Wishcamper was Master of ceremonies. This celebration climaxed his retirement from the Texas Coca-Cola Bottling Co. as of January 31. Mayor Ralph Hooks read and presented the Mayor's Proclamation of Nib Shaw Day.

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