

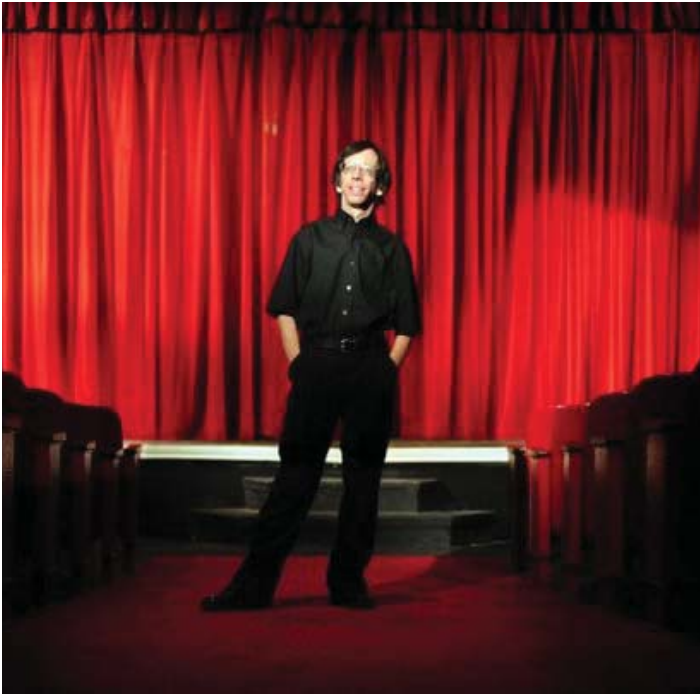
# **K** *The Kiwanis Club of Abilene* **KIWANIGRAM**



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Dennis Gleason from the Abilene Community Theater  
Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, January 23, 2013



The next production is:



This Pulitzer Prize Winner for Drama is a truly inspirational story of an English Professor who discovers the true worth of life & relationships when she faces cancer head on. Told with sensitivity and humor, this journey of rediscovery is one we can all learn from and identify with.

January 17-February 2, 2013

Dennis Gleason, Executive Director of the Abilene Community Theater will speak to us on Wednesday on the remaining season. Dennis is new to Abilene and has served community theaters in several states. Abilene Community Theater is utilizing guest directors for every play this season, as well as guest set designers and builders. More and more volunteers are being used to keep the theater a vital part of Abilene.



**Ray Ferguson**  
presented the program.

**Bill Hoogstra**  
announced the  
Sophomore of the Year  
Award winner.

**Mary Lee Brooks** was  
the guest of Jerry  
Carter.

**KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE**  
**Weekly Meeting**  
**January 16th, 2013**  
**Abilene Country Club**

Led Meeting.....	Randy Williams
Prayer.....	Lora Lynn Christensen
Music .....	Gary Poynor
Piano.....	Cynthia Laster
Pledge.....	Kelly Jones
Guests.....	Keith Garner
Cup Money.....	\$42.80

We did not pass the brag basket on January 16th. Instead we took donations in memory of Mary Robinson Escue where \$132.00 was collected. As requested by the family, these funds will be sent to the Tx-Ok Foundation. Thank you for your outpouring of care. Mary, who was killed during a house burglary during the Christmas holidays, was the daughter of long time Kiwanians Marellie and Dick Robinson whom many of us know. Marellie spends endless hours helping coordinate events for the Tx-Ok district.

**In our prayers**

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 Boozer, A.C. Johnson and others who have health challenges  
 Students as they return to school

**Guests**

Don Henderson.....Former Member  
 Sheryl, Savannah and Lloyd Meek.....Club Guests  
 Mary Lee Brooks.....Jerry Carter  
 It was good to see former member Don Henderson on January 16th.

**The Program**

Jerry Carter introduced Ray Ferguson as the speaker for the January 16th meeting. Ray shared information on the new tax laws and their impact on us. This was certainly an informative presentation.

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.”



**Savannah Meek is the club’s Sophomore of the Year.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**New Members since October 2012 – Stephanie Hodge**

Stephanie, sponsored by Jamie Breed, has worked at Harmony Family services for 7 years and currently is the In-take Director. Stephanie has one daughter. Stephanie is excited to be a Club Satellite member.

New Members since October 2012 are:

- Barbara Fahlender
- John Hewitt
- Cynthia Laster
- Gary Poynor
- Stephanie Hodge

Those members who resigned recently are:

- Tom Aguilar - Health
- Duane Shackelford – Moving to Big Spring to accept position as Director of the Boys and Girls Club there.
- Alicia Soto- Lack of Time
- Paula Hartman – Moved to Oklahoma for a new job.
- Sara Love – Lack of Time
- David Sims – Moved

**Gumball Report**

Gum Ball Report by Earl Williams: Earl presented a check for December in the amount of \$298.44, total to date \$255,751.62! WOW!

**Background Check**

Thank you for completing the Criminal Background Check form on January 16th. We received

46 completed forms! This is important to the club, not to mention, a requirement by Tx-Ok. Thank you again for your prompt attention. Forms will be available at the meeting on Wednesday.

## Eliminate Project

Get Involved in the ELIMINATE project. A sign up sheet is enclosed in this issue of the Kiwanigram or can be picked up at the next Kiwanis meeting. Options are available – check them out on the information sheet.

## Sophomore of the Year

Bill Hoogstra introduced Savannah Meek as the 2013 Sophomore of the Year. Savannah is the daughter of Sheryl and Lloyd Meek and attends Anson High School. Bill shared that she is involved in at least nine organizations in Anson and is an amazing young lady. In her application, Savannah stated that “service to others makes me feel I’ve made a difference for someone else.” Bill presented Savannah with a framed certificate and gift card from the club. He also thanked Margaret Hoogstra, Dennis Laster and John Ruiz for serving on the selection committee.

## Tx-Ok Mid Winter Conference

Contact Kelly Jones if you are interested in attending. This is a great way to meet fellow Kiwanians and to learn more of the “Bigger Picture”.

Please go online now and register at [www.kiwanisconvention.com](http://www.kiwanisconvention.com).

## Calendar

- February 5th, 2013 - Club Satellite Meeting, 6:00pm Mezamiz Coffee Shop
- February 12th 2013 - Division Council Meeting, Al’s Mesquite Grill, 6:30pm
- February 16th, 2013 - Mid Winter Conference
- February 21st, 2013 - Board Meeting, Thursday Bogies Sandwich Shop 12:00 noon
- April 27th, 2013 - PANCAKE DAY (mark your calendar for this important date)
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## 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! Aktion 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!

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## SPIRITUAL AIMS THOUGHT TO PONDER

*By Gordon Dowell*

We talk often about the receipt of God’s blessings, and appropriately so. However, we seldom talk about being a blessing to others or the Gift of Blessing, especially to our children and grandchildren.

In their book entitled *The Gift of Blessing*, Gary Smalley and John Trent, the authors talk about how many people go through life longing to be loved and accepted, especially by parents. Although some might not admit it, everyone wants to be accepted by others. Love, approval, acceptance and affirmation is absent in hundreds, even thousands of people’s lives today. Many of these are children which can have long lasting effects on their lives and future relationships. A notable Old Testament example is Esau, who longed for his father’s blessing after his brother Jacob had tricked his father Isaac into conveying the blessing on Him (Gen. 27. 31-34). Although it was unretrievable, he cried out, “Bless me,

even me also, O my father!” Oh the pain and anguish of a missed blessing!

The authors recount for us the fact that orthodox Jewish families have long used the Blessing to bless their children. It is an important tool for parents to use today. They list five elements of the blessing. They are: 1) Meaningful Touch, 2) A Spoken Message, 3) Attaching High Value, 4) Picturing a Special Future, and 5) An Active Commitment.

The Kiwanis mission is to change the world one child and one community at a time. I would suggest that individually we can be a conduit of The Blessing to our children, even in adulthood, and to our grandchildren. And collectively as a club we can be a blessing to hundreds of children in the Abilene community by affirming them in various ways.

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## Kiwanis Through the Years - 1970

- Lt. Gov. Wallace Moritz of San Angelo installed the officers for the new year.
- Nib Shaw and his Golden Anniversary Committee made up of Bert Chapman, Garvin Beauchamp, Jerome Vannoy, Sid Pass, Henry McGinty, and Neil Daniel met to continue making plans for the Club's 50th anniversary observance in 1971.
- Operation Drug Alert is the major new movement being undertaken by Kiwanis for the year 1969-70. A 16 page booklet entitled "Deciding About Drugs has been published for use with the educational endeavor. A special task force has been organized in our club to coordinate the O.D.A. program. The four Kiwanis Clubs in Abilene will work together to accomplish our goals.
- The Vocational Guidance Committee published an AREA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTORY for the use of the counselors in the high schools. It has been received with much enthusiasm. It was started in 1968 and has been updated.
- Abilene State School was appropriated \$100 for the annual Christmas party. Code of Ethics Plaques were purchased to be presented to every new member. The usual \$200 was approved to kick off the Goodfellow campaign at Thanksgiving time.
- The Program Committee this year is made up of Dr. Joe Humphrey, Chairman. Garvin Beauchamp, Ed Wishcamper, Neil Daniel, J. C. McCurdy, Jack Dean, and John Fielder.
- The New Member Honor Roll continues to be published in the Kiwanigram.
- Bill Williams continues to lead the singing as he has now done for several years. Bill is the Asst. Supt. At Abilene State School.
- The nearly 1000 bumper stickers stating "AMERICA, LOVE IT OR LEAVE IT" have sold out fast says Van Boozer, Chairman of the Public & Business Affairs Committee. These stickers sold for 5 for \$1.00.
- Joe Reed, Manager of the Windsor Hotel notified the club that meal prices will increase from \$2.00 to \$2.25 as of Feb. 1, 1970.
- Maurice Hufstedler and his family printed, assembled, and bound the 1969-70 club directory.
- Because The Windsor Hotel has raised the price of meals, the Board agreed to meet at Mack Eplen's Cafeteria on Feb. 5, with board member purchasing his own meal. This will save \$60 per month which will save enough so the monthly dues will not have to be increased.
- Because of the increase in meal costs there were no provisions for favors for the lady guests at the Valentine's Day celebration.
- Bob Neimann is the Pancake Super General Chairman. The date for the supper is March 31. This year the Pancake supper will be at the new Taylor County Coliseum. Here provisions are made to seat 1000 persons at one sitting. Tickets are 50c.

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### 2012-2013 OFFICERS

Randy Williams - President  
Charles Kirkpatrick - Immediate Past President  
Mark Hoover - President-Elect  
David Bacon - Vice President  
Jamie Breed - Vice President  
Will Smith - Vice President  
Ricki Brown - Treasurer  
Faye Dodson - Secretary  
Henry McGinty - Assistant Secretary  
Kimberley Cole - Foundation Advisor

### 2012-2013 DIRECTORS

Two Year:	One Year:
Tim Adcock	Marty Anderson
Christine Curtis-Carr	David Batson
Pam McGrew	Dennis Laster
John Ruiz	Clinton Nix
Brice West	Don Scargall