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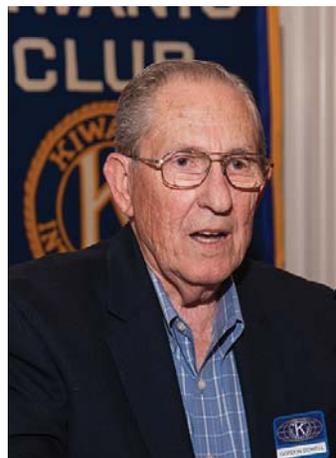
Laine Westman: Executive Director of APAC  
Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, February 13th, 2013



Laine Westman is a 1993 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University where she received her Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance and Music Education. Lanie married in the summer of 1993 and began teaching Elementary Music in the fall with AISD.

In January, 2001 she was hired as the Executive Director of Abilene Performing Arts Company. Along with directing and teaching at APAC Lanie continues to perform and has done so with the Abilene Opera Association, McMurry Summer Dinner Theatre, ACT Theatre, Pioneer Drive Baptist Church, Paramount Productions, and is a contracted artist with Young Audiences of Abilene. Lanie has appeared in the Paramount Theatre's Summer Musical Productions "Swing," "Smokey Joe's Café," and was featured as Mother in "Ragtime."

Lanie is married to Rob Westman and they are proud parents of two boys: Joshua, a junior at Abilene High School and Jess, an eighth-grader at Craig Middle School. The remaining Westman's have more than two legs, Muffy, Pixie, Sweden & Elsa. Lanie is the Executive Director of APAC



**Robert Reid presented an inspiring program!**

**Gordon Dowell introduced the program.**

**Guinn Smith showed of his new retirement look.**

**KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE**  
**Weekly Meeting**  
**February 6th, 2013**  
**Abilene Country Club**

Led Meeting.....	Randy Williams
Prayer.....	David Jones
Music.....	Clinton Nix
Piano.....	Jamie Breed
Pledge.....	Donald McDonald
Guests.....	Royce Manning
Cup Money.....	\$46.22
Brag Money(Jerry Carter).....	\$22.00

**In our prayers**

Former Member John Howard  
 Dick Kincaid  
 Pray for our community leaders  
 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

**Guests**

Guests.....	Guest of Member
Joan Batson .....	David Batson
David Catalina.....	Gordon Dowell
George Woodfin.....	Greater Abilene

**Program**

Gordon Dowell introduced Robert Reid as the speaker for the February 6th program. Robert, accompanied by his lovely wife Rosa, presented an insightful program sharing how God helped Him overcome challenges and accomplishes things most people thought he would never be able to do. Robert spoke about the blessings God brings by taking our weaknesses and transforming them into tools for His kingdom. He also authored a book which was available for purchase to those in attendance titled "Bursting with Life – Triumph through Cerebral Palsy".

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." Go out and get involved!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Basketball Shootout!**

David Jones announced that the annual Basketball Shootout between Hardin-Simmons and McMurry University would no longer occur. Although this is bad or perhaps sad news, the Good News is that we had 15 years of successful shootouts whereby more than \$50,000.00 was raised for Hendrick Medical Center and Children's Miracle Network. Thank you for your faithful support over those years. Please contact David if you have ideas for another project.

**Background Check**

Thank you for completing the Criminal Background Check form. 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 can be picked up at the next Kiwanis meeting. Options are available – check them out on the information sheet.

*\$474.00: Funds received during the week of February 6th*  
*\$1,462.00: Total to date*  
*\$3,399.00: Commitment from individuals over next 3 years*

**From the Mailbag**

"Thank you for your gift to the Texas Oklahoma Kiwanis Foundations' Tom Duncan Memorial Fund. Scholarships are made possible through donations from Kiwanis Clubs and Individual donors such as you." The thank you note also included a patch for our banner.

**Ramp Project**

The Ramp Committee is definitely staying busy and involved! Lt. Governor Kelly Jones and Dennis Laster provided an update communicating another ramp was built in Tye this week and the team provided training to the Pecan Valley Club. Kelly expressed appreciation to David Catalina who allows us to use the Global Samaritan facility to store materials and as a workshop.

## Tx-Ok Mid Winter Conference

February 16th is the Tx-Ok Mid Winter Conference. Contact Randy Williams this week if you are interested in attending. Registration deadline is February 13th. Randy plans to attend and has room for two others to travel with him. Plans are to leave Abilene early Saturday morning and return around 6:30pm. This is a great way to meet fellow Kiwanians and to learn more of the "Bigger Picture".

## Calendar

- February 16th, 2013, Mid Winter Conference
- February 21st, 2013 Board Meeting, Thursday Boggles Sandwich Shop 12:00 noon
- February 23rd, 2013 Annual Chili Day for Greater Abilene Kiwanis
- March 5th, 2013 Club Satellite Meeting, 6:00pm Mezamiz Coffee Shop
- March 12th, 2013, Division Council Meeting, Al's Mesquite Grill, 6:30pm
- April 27th, 2013 - PANCAKE DAY (mark your calendar for this important date)

## Kiwanis Through the Years: 1980

- Lt. Gov. Joe Marshall installed the new officers and directors. Joe is a member of the faculty at ACU and a member of the Greater Abilene Club. President Biggs issued a challenge of a new member each week for a total of 52 new members by Sept. 30, 1980. Dr. H. Bedford Furr was the first new member in 1979-80. The Club Directory was prepared and ready for distribution on the first day of the new Kiwanis Year, October 3.
- Oct. 17 was the Ed Wishcamper Roast where he was thoroughly roasted by his friends in Kiwanis and elsewhere. Jim Griggs was Chairman of the day and John Stevens, Raymond McDaniel, Jim Tittle, Fred Lee Hughes, and Clive Pierce proceeded to make stinging remarks about the "dishonored victim."
- November 14 is the date the Gum Ball Campaign kicked off under the leadership of Ron Keener. At the present time there are over 1000 machines in operation, and the goal is to locate an additional 200. Earl Williams stated that as of this date the club has received a total of \$56,056.21 from the machines. Nib Shaw reported that all these pennies laid edge to edge they would extend 65.53 miles. A total of 116 locations has been secured.
- Kiwanis City- Farm Week, a major activity of Kiwanis International was appropriately celebrated with a program arranged by H. C.

Stanley and Joe Wilson, County Agent. Herman A. Propst was the speaker.

- On Jan. 1, the cost of meals at the Windsor increased from \$3.60 to \$4.00. The monthly dues were increased from \$15.00 per month to \$18.00. Guest meals are \$4.00.
- Those who helped Raymond McDaniel, Jr. write the Goodfellow script had a chance to watch the Cowboys play football on the TV he furnished at the Coca Cola Building.
- On Dec 31 we had 231 members, an increase over the 229 we ended the Kiwanis year on Sept. 30. We have deleted 8 members and added 10.
- The 24 Past Presidents of Kiwanis Clubs were recognized at a special club meeting on Jan. 23. Twelve of these men were presidents of this club. Our organization date is Feb. 9, 1921.
- The Annual Ladies Night on Feb, 12 at Briarstone had as its theme "The Magic of Love". President-elect, Norman Naill is in charge of the entertainment which is the magic performance by Lonnie Chevrie. Van Boozer was named as the Kiwanian of the Year. Legion of Honor Awards were presented to seven Kiwanians.
- The International Theme for this year is "Build Together".
- The Pancake Supper plans are fitting together for April 15. Job assignments have been assigned. Clive Pierce is General Chairman. Norman Naill, ticket sales and Ron Keener publicity. A big ticket sales campaign is underway under the leadership of Van Boozer, Bedford Furr, Bob Hitt and J. B. Jordan. It was promoted in all clubs in Division 35 by Pres. Kenny Biggs and Ron Keener. Tickets are \$2.00. Clive Pierce from his hospital bed sold 219 tickets. Gross sales: \$14,932.00
- The "Round Tuit" campaign kicked off to recruit new members. Each member was given a "Round Tuit" wooden medalion to carry in his pocket to remind himself to get a new member. On April 16 eleven new members were inducted which brought our membership to 237, the largest club in Tex-Ok District. The team that recruited the most members got to eat steak and the other team got to eat pinto beans on June 4, 1980.
- Bill Williams continues to be a faithful song leader.
- Kiwanians Biggs, Naill, Chapman, Jennings and their wives went to Anaheim, CA to attend the Kiwanis International Convention .

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# SPIRITUAL AIMS THOUGHT TO PONDER

*By Gordon Dowell*

I had the opportunity to bring a brief devotional message to a group of teenagers in a "Children's Home setting this past week. With little time to prepare the question "what shall I say?" dozens of bible verses/topics raced through my mind. I decided to do a quick summary of the O. T. book of Ecclesiastes. Why that!!!!? Well....here's why.

Solomon, son of King David, is the author of Eccl. It has a dark tone, of pessimism and skepticism. Solomon, a king of great wealth, seems to have "tried it all" to find happiness, by personal experiment, by general observation, in the realm of morality...and his interim conclusion was... repeatedly, "Vanity! Vanity, Vanity," or more modern versions, "Meaningless, Meaningless!"

So, where does one find meaning in life? Solo-

mon concludes, "here is the conclusion of the matter, fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." THAT'S IT! Biblical "fear" is nearly always defined as reverence and awe. And if we combine Solomon's conclusion with the Jesus' words, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:37-39), we find our purpose, our meaning in life.

Young or old...it doesn't matter, that's where it is. Not in power or wealth or prestige or selfish gain, but in reverence to the Creator and in altruistic service. And that's where Kiwanis seems to be firmly rooted. Indeed, We Serve! And by example and precept, we pass this message on to others.

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## 2012-2013 OFFICERS

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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:
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Christine Curtis-Carr	David Batson
Pam McGrew	Dennis Laster
John Ruiz	Clinton Nix
Brice West	Don Scargall