

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



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## Casper Steenkamp: Playing with Purpose Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, February 27th, 2013



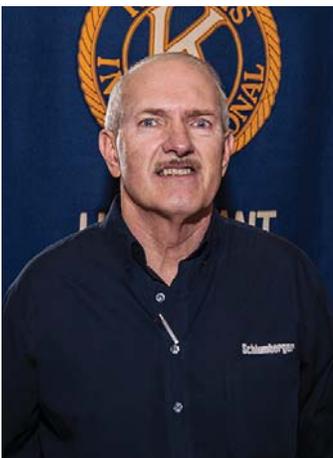
Casper Steenkamp was born in Cape Town, South Africa on January 18, 1984. He grew up in South Africa during arguably the biggest change of the country's history, ending the apartheid era. He played several sports growing up but excelled in tennis which allowed him to get a tennis scholarship to Texas Tech University in 2002.

He transferred to Abilene Christian University (ACU) where he played number one singles and doubles for three years. He won the regional tennis title twice. This allowed him to qualify for the NCAA Division II national tournament where he finished 8th and 4th in 2003 and 2005. Casper graduated from

ACU with a Bachelors's degree in Business Management with a 3.6 GPA in 2007. He continued his studies at Hardin Simmons University finishing his Master's of Education degree in Sport Management with a 4.0 GPA.

Now Casper works with SportQuest living out his dream, which is to encourage, educate, and equip Disciples of Christ through intentional holistic kingdom discipleship and sport leadership.

He is passionate about facilitating kingdom dreams through sport and business. He plans to move back to South Africa in 2014 with a mission's team. He lives in Abilene, TX with his wife Ashley Steenkamp and daughter Zoe Grace.



**Don Christensen presented the program.**

**Curtis Blackburn led the opening prayer.**

**Kevin Phillips was a guest of Bobby Lee Wolfe.**

# KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

## Weekly Meeting

### February 20th, 2013

#### Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Randy Williams
Prayer.....	Curtis Blackburn
Music.....	Clinton Nix
Piano.....	Lora Lynn Christensen
Pledge.....	Keith Garner
Guests.....	Russell Berry
Cup Money.....	\$38.76
Brag Money(John Ruiz).....	\$4.00

### In our prayers

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 Bill Zavatson

### Guests

Guests.....	Guest of Member
Don Henderson.....	Club Guest
Kevin Phillips.....	Bobbie Wolfe

### Program

Lora Lynn Christensen introduced her husband Don Christensen as the speaker for the February 20th meeting. Don captured the attention of attendees as he demonstrated permeable and non-permeable materials using a styrofoam cup and an absorbent sponge. Both are permeable items; however the sponge soaks up the water in the cup. He communicated that permeability is the main difference between a conventional or unconventional reservoir. Don shared the success method of George Mitchell, founder of Mitchell Energy in 1970 who challenged his people to produce natural gas. His efforts changed the world forever. In addition, Don communicated that by 2017 we will likely be the world's largest energy producer. President Randy Williams stated it best in closing when he said, "This was like wetting the appetite! Lots of interesting information!"

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

### Pancake Day!

Pancake Day Kickoff is set for March 20th. Mark Hoover, Pancake Chair and Marty Anderson, Silent Auction Chair communicated the goal for Silent Auction is \$11,000.00 this year. Support from each Kiwanian is key to success. We can take donations now. Please do your part to help with this important fund raiser. It's all about giving back to the kids and our community.

### Resignation

Many of you have worked with Lynda Forgerson over the years. Lynda, who joined the Kiwanis Club of Abilene in 1999 is moving to Amarillo to be near her grandchildren. In her letter of resignation she writes:

*"It is with sincere regret that I submit my resignation from the Kiwanis Club of Abilene effective March 1. My husband and I have decided it is time to move to Amarillo to be near our daughter and her family and our only two grandchildren after missing out on so much time we wish we had spent with them.*

*I became a member in 1999, and have thoroughly enjoyed the associations I have had and the friends I have made while serving with this wonderful group of people. So many of the projects and activities I have been involved with have been meaningful to me, especially reading with Reagan students, the See By 3 project and working with the scholarship judging and Vocational Guidance recognitions. This club has such hard-working and dedicated members who have made an impact on the community and the club. Each one will be sincerely missed.*

*Maybe I will get involved in Kiwanis again in Amarillo, but it won't be the same as this club. I so appreciate Gary Bomar, my former co-worker, who invited me to this club and encouraged me to become a member. It has been a blessing to me for over 13 years. Best wishes to each one and much success in the future projects."*

We will miss you Lynda! Best wishes as you begin this new chapter of life!

### Background Check

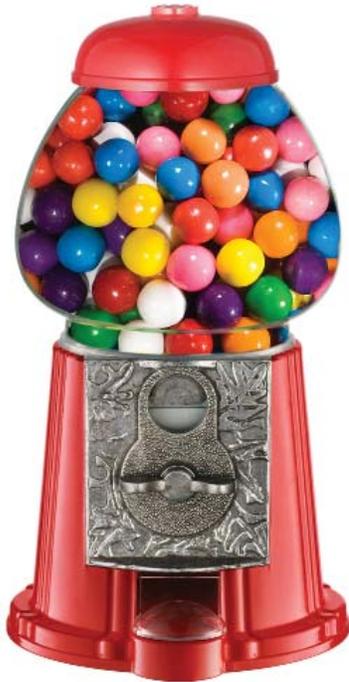
Thank you for completing the Criminal Background Check form. This is important to the club, not to mention, a requirement by Tx-Ok. Thank you

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again for your prompt attention. Forms will be available at the meeting on Wednesday.

## Gumball Report

Earl Williams reported 1,087 machines are in operation, and 304 machines were read in January. \$309.60 was collected from those machines bringing the grand total to date to \$256,061.12!!! WOW!



## Calendar

- March 5th, 2013 Club Satellite Meeting, 6:00pm Mezamiz Coffee Shop
- March 12th, 2013, Division Council Meeting, Al's Mesquite Grill, 6:30pm
- March 20th, 2013 Pancake Day Kick Off
- March 21st, 2013 Board Meeting, Thursday Boggles Sandwich Shop 12:00 noon
- April 27th, 2013 - PANCAKE DAY (mark your calendar for this important date)

## Kiwanis through the years: 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.

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## SPIRITUAL AIMS THOUGHT TO PONDER

*By Gordon Dowell*

The following poem has been a favorite of mine for years:

*"it was battered and scarred and the auctioneer thought it scarcely worth the while,*

*To waste much time on the old violin but he held it up with a smile,*

*What am I bid for this old violin? Who will start the bidding for me?*

*A dollar, a dollar, who'll make it two? Two dollars and who'll make it three?*

*Three dollars once, three dollars twice, going for three,' but no;*

*From the back of the room, a gray haired man, came forward and took up the bow.*

*Then wiping the dust from the old violin, and tightening up all the strings,*

*He played a melody pure and sweet, as sweet as the angels sing.*

*The music ceased, and the auctioneer, with a voice that was quiet and low*

*Said, 'What am I bid for the old violin?' And he held it up with the bow.*

*'A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two? Two thousand, and who'll make it three?*

*Three thousand once, three thousand twice, Going and gone,' said he.*

*The people cheered, but some of them said, 'We*

*do not quite understand,*

*What changed it's worth?' Came the reply, 'The touch of the master's hand.'*

*And many a man with his life out of tune, and battered and scarred with sin,*

*Is auctioned cheap to a thoughtless crowd, much like the old violin.*

*A mess of pottage, a glass of wine, a game and he shuffles along,*

*He's going once, he's going twice, he's going and almost gone.*

*But the Master comes and the thoughtless crowd, never can quite understand,*

*The worth of the soul, and the change that is wrought*

*By the touch of the Master's hand."*

*-Myra Brooks Welch*

I believe that God has ordained that citizens of His Kingdom be His ambassadors to link all people, adults and children. whoever and wherever they are, to the Master. It is He who can change lives...taking them where they are, but not leaving them there. Permit me to suggest that by precept, example and service, Kiwanians can be "linkers" as we serve children, adults and communities.

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