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Top Students and Foundation Scholarship Awards Day Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, May 22nd, 2013



Each year it is the Kiwanis Club of Abilene's honor to host the top two graduating students from each of our Abilene High Schools, both public and private. Valedictorians and Salutatorians from Abilene High, Cooper High, ATEMS, Wylie, Abilene Christian High, and Premier High Schools will be recognized with a Certificate of Achievement acknowledging their accomplishments by finishing first or second in their classes. We also will award four \$1,000 Foundation Scholarships to selected applicants who impressed our Foundation Committee. As a part of our Recognition and Awards Day, we will hear a program from Dr. Christina Wilson.

Dr. Christina Wilson is the Dean of Arts and Letters and Associate Professor of Music at McMurry University. She joined McMurry in 2005 as Director of Foundation Relations. During her tenure in Foundation relations she wrote a number of successful grants in support of the recently completed Shaping the Future capital campaign. Dr. Wilson became Dean of the School of Arts and Letters in 2007. Before coming to McMurry, Dr. Wilson taught voice, music history, music theory, and vocal diction at Cameron University, Western Oklahoma State College, and Vernon College.

Dr. Wilson remains true to her discipline by teaching and maintaining an active music performance schedule in both Texas and Oklahoma, including recitals, lead opera and music theatre roles, guest artist appearances and solo performances. She has performed with the Tulsa Light Opera Company, the College Light Opera Company, the Lawton and Altus symphonies, as well as the McMurry University Theatre Department. She also continues to pursue her research interests. Most recently, she made a professional presentation titled *The Right Fit: Hiring for the Life of Your Department* at the Academic Chairpersons Conference in San Antonio.

She is married to Allen Wilson. They have four-year-old twin girls, Emma and Madalyn. Dr. Wilson considers Emma and Madalyn her greatest accomplishment.



**These are some of the
140+ volunteers who
helped on Pancake Day!**

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
Weekly Meeting
May 15th, 2013
Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Randy Williams
Prayer.....	Carl Lockett
Music.....	Nancy Miller
Piano.....	Cynthia Laster
Pledge.....	Price Brock
Guests.....	Mark Young
Cup Money.....	\$33.84
Brag Money (Kelly Jones).....	\$13.00

In our prayers

Remember to pray for graduating students (high school and college) as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.

Remember in prayer Melvin Martin's mother in law who has been diagnosed with cancer
 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 Bill Zavatson, Jarrell Young

Guests

Guests.....	Guest of Member
Jim and Kellie Miller.....	Mark Young
Bernice Wolfe.....	Bobbie Wolfe
Adolfo Almaraz.....	Faye Dodson
Roma Howard.....	George Woodfin

The following guests were from the Greater Abilene Club:

George Woodfin, Brad Hill, Bobbi Bieberly, Jane Harvey and James

Program

President, Randy Williams, presented our program with an overview of the Club Evaluation that members completed in January. The program began by looking at the last evaluation done in 1998 when members suggested the need to promote Kiwanis awareness both inside and outside of the club. This should be done through media coverage, PSA's, and publicizing various Kiwanis sponsored community events.

The 2013 evaluation looked at Membership Growth, Community Service, Public Relations & Marketing, and Education & Member Experiences. It is clear that the membership recognizes the challenges that face Kiwanis in the 21st Century. Areas highlighted for improvement included publicity, service



Officers for 2013-2014(left to right): Will Smith, Ken Poynor, Kelly Jones, Jamie Breed and Lew Lewis.

testimonials, club growth through targeting young professionals and other community leaders, increasing member participation, and more opportunities to get to know one another through activities and sharing. Members also pointed out many things that the club is doing well. The evaluation also allowed for suggestions of ideas for addressing each area. The club will be challenged to address these areas, but then, anything is possible for the greatest club in this universe or any other universe.

President Randy Williams thanked everyone for coming and 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

SAVE THE DATE

Tx-Ok District Convention will be held in Rockwall Tx August 9-11th. This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow Kiwanians and to learn more about the far reaching efforts of Kiwanis. Check out the Tx-Ok web site for more information at <http://www.txok-kiwanis.org>. You will find lots of great information on this site.

2013-2014 Officer Elections

Election Committee Chairman, Lora Lynn Christensen presented the following as nominees for officer positions for the 2013-2014.

President Elect – Jamie Breed

Vice Presidents – Ken Poynor, Kelly Jones, Lew Lewis

There were no other nominations from the floor

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and the above nominees were elected by acclamation. Board nominations will be presented on May 22nd.

Division 35 News

June 1st is a special day for Division 35. The Division will present a check in the amount of \$12,133.07 to Hendrick Childrens Hospital. Congratulations!

Ramp Project

The Ramp Committee will build a ramp just north of Tye on Saturday May 19th.

Calendar

- June 6th – Division 35 Prayer Breakfast
- June 4th, - Club Satellite Meeting, 6:00pm Mezamiz Coffee Shop
- June 11th - Division Council Meeting, Al's Mesquite Grill, 6:30pm
- July 25th - Board Meeting, Thursday Bogies Sandwich Shop 12:00 noon
- August 9-11th TX-OK District Convention – Rockwall, TX

Kiwanis Through the Years: 1952

- Bailey Choate of Sweetwater is serving as Lt. Gov of Division XII for the year 1952. He installed the officers of the Abilene Club.
- A new Club Directory listing the names, addresses and phone numbers was distributed on Jan. 2, 1952.
- Inter-Clubs were held at Snyder, Big Spring, Brownwood,
- The Wishing Well for Polio Drive was manned by Kiwanians. This activity is the responsibility of the Youth Services Committee of the Abilene Kiwanis Club.
- Emphasis is being put on the members to pay their poll tax and to get their friends and neighbors to do likewise.
- The club presented the Salvation Army with recreation room equipment which included two ping-pong tables, volley ball and badminton sets and a shuffle board.
- The Board of Directors voted on Jan. 31, 1952 to underwrite as much as \$650 in equipment and improvements at the new Boy Scout Council Headquarters being built at 3325 South 11th St.
- Strong emphasis is placed on a perfect attendance record for every member. A list of those having perfect attendance is published each month in the Kiwanigram.
- Easter Seal Mailing is a new project for the club. Stuffing 25,000 envelopes was a big job.
- Division XII, led by Lt. Gov. Bailey Choate had a very successful Division Meeting and Ladies night on April 3. Mr. & Mrs. Jim Jennings hosted a reception at their home for Kiwanians and wives from Division XII in the afternoon before the dinner and meeting.
- Pancake Supper Kick-Off was April 9, 1952. Fifteen businesses have made gifts to be presented to high ticket sales Kiwanians. No dishwashing this year as paper plates, spoons & forks will be used. 5,365 tickets were sold which produced a net profit of \$2250.32. A film and a Scrapbook was made to use as a record of its development.
- Thirty one Kiwanians helped Mack Eplen serve 485 people at the Army Day Luncheon. For this help, Mack sent the club a check for \$50.00
- Seven couples and their families which accounted for twenty two people from the Abilene Club attended the International Convention in Seattle, Washington. The Abilene Pancake Supper Scrap Book went with them and received a lot of attention. It went on a tour to Hammond, Indiana at that club's request.
- The club helped raise \$3600 for the cerebral palsy fund to make certain the establishment of a treatment center here. (The beginning of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center).
- The Club purchased for \$240 two stretchers to be used in the Polio Ward in Hendrick Hospital.
- The annual Club Picnic at Camp Tonkawa was again enjoyed by all.



Nancy Miller led the singing.

SPIRITUAL AIMS THOUGHT TO PONDER

By Gordon Dowell

Several years ago my wife and I "took" the then popular Dale Carnegie course, How to Win Friends and Influence People...me at the USDA building in D.C. where I worked and she in a community setting. The course regularly required 1 or 3 or 5 minute speeches, some extemporaneously. One night she gave a brief speech on her priorities in life. In descending order they were: God, Spouse, Children, Job and Service (including 'church' and religious activities). When the session was over, a young professional man followed her to her car and said, "Oh! I wish my priorities reflected that order but my job has taken over my life!" He admitted to problems at home, but felt he couldn't change the situation. O for the heartache that probably lay ahead!

These may or may not be your life priorities, or the order, but my point is...we make the choice. And, I would suggest, the earlier in life we make the choices and their order, the better life will be for us and our families. But the real challenge is living a life of commitment to the priorities. Whether we're parents with young, growing children, or individuals

or couples who are part of the "sandwich generation" caring not only for ourselves and children but also aging parents, or aging "seniors," life is filled constantly with competing and conflicting events and activities. Time management and commitment to priorities require a continual juggling of the demands of life. There are no easy answers.

My belief has been and is that if we set as our first priority Mark 12:30 "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength" that all the other things will fall into place. Eccl. 12:13 reiterates this in saying, "Fear God and keep his commandments for this is the whole duty of man"

"But that leaves Service at the bottom of the list; after-all that is what Kiwanis is all about" someone says. Yes, but I would argue that if we don't get the first one right, and we fail to attend to the others properly, that there won't be the time, energy, disposition or interest in Serving anywhere! (to be continued next week)

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Henry McGinty - Assistant Secretary
Kimberley Cole - Foundation Advisor

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Tim Adcock	Marty Anderson
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Pam McGrew	Dennis Laster
John Ruiz	Clinton Nix
Brice West	Don Scargall

5-10-13

Dear Kiwanis members,

Thank you so much for honoring our outstanding CTE students. My student was thrilled with the time and effort you spent to recognize her and others. You made each of them feel very special. Carolyn's words were encouraging and the meal was delicious. You are definitely helping improve the lives of the young people in Abilene!

Sincerely,
Cheryl Barber

April 30, 2013

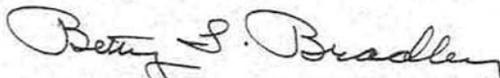
Dear Friends at Kiwanis Club of Abilene,

Thank you for the recent donation of the twenty-six cases of link sausage and five cases of pat butter. Your special gift is a great help as Meals on Wheels strives to provide nutritious, tasty meals during a time when food prices continue to increase.

Many of our 1026 clients are frail seniors or adults challenged by one or more disabilities. They are unable to provide balanced meals for themselves and most cannot make a donation to help with the cost of their meals.

We appreciate you for helping drive away hunger with your contribution. It is a great help.

Warmly yours,


Betty L. Bradley, LBSW, Executive Director

Thanks so much for the generous contribution!