



ESGR and Kiwanis International Convention Report Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, July **31st**, 2013



This week's program will feature three of our club members. Keith Garner will present information about the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense committee which works with employers and members of the National Guard and Reserve to ensure employees are treated fairly when called upon for weekend drills, summer training, or deployment. Keith served more than 20 years in the US Army, with 3 tours in Vietnam (including one with Special Forces from 1963 to 1964) and a 5-year tour with the ROTC department at Hardin-Simmons. After retiring as a Lt. Colonel, Keith and his wife, Bobbie, returned to Abilene where he

served as a safety engineer with 3 different insurance companies, before retiring the last day of January, 2008. In addition to his extensive community service on many local Boards and active involvement at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Keith is a long-time member and former President of this club and former Lt. Governor of Division 35, Texas-Oklahoma District. Keith and Bobbie are the proud parents of two children, Jim and Sukie who have blessed them with five grandsons.

Christine Curtis-Carr and Nancy Miller will also be sharing with us some highlights from their recent attendance at the Kiwanis International Convention in Canada.



Robert Pritz introduced the program.



Dr. Pete Gibbs presented the program.



Keith Garner's grandson, McHutchin Perkins, was his guest at this week's meeting.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
Weekly Meeting
July 24th, 2013
Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Randy Williams
Prayer.....	Guy Lucas
Music.....	Russell Berry
Piano.....	Lora Lynn Christensen
Pledge.....	Roy Cloud
Guests.....	Randy Williams
Cup Money.....	\$32.88
Brag Money(Gary Poynor).....	\$9.00

In our prayers

Those who have lost loved ones recently
 Gordon Dowell's Daughter in law -surgery on her throat

Remember Jimmie Monhollon and family. Lake passed away on Tuesday July 23rd. Services were held on Sunday at Hardin-Simmons Logsdon Chapel.

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

Continue to remember: Henry McGinty, Van Boozer, A.C. Johnson and Bill Zavatson, Jarrell Young and Ron Carroll

Guests

Guests.....	Guest of Member
McHutchin Perkins.....	Keith Garner
Rochelle Johnson	Dennis Laster
Ryan Gibson	Jerry Carter
Rachel Myers	Margaret Hoogstra

Program

Robert Pritz introduced Dr. Pete Gibbs, Associate Director for Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Community Economic Development, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service as the speaker on July 24th, 2013. Dr. Gibbs expressed appreciation to Kiwanians for their support of the State 4-H Horse Show for so many years. He shared the history of the horse show which was first held in College Station 51 years ago. Since that time the horse show has been held in 9 Texas cities: Amarillo, College Station, 2 times in Dallas, 4 times in Ft. Worth, once in Houston, 3 times in Odessa, once in Sweetwater, 3 times in San Antonio and 4 times in Waco. The first show in Abilene was held in 1985. Kiwanis has been a big part in keeping the show in Abilene. The friendly smiles and helpful attitudes make such a difference to those who come. We are raising kiddos, and the local support is invaluable.



Rachel Meyers, the niece of Margaret Hoogstra, was a guest today.

able. He closed by saying, "Come see, come play, test the water, figure out if you are stout enough or if you need to go home and get a little stronger."

Gary Bomar presented Rochelle Johnson with a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 bringing the grand total for the State 4-H Horse Show over the past 29 years to \$29,000.00! The first check in the amount of \$1,000.00 was presented under the leadership of Bailey Choate.

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."

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 and to register at <http://www.txok-kiwanis.org>. You will find lots of great information on this site.

Volunteer Opportunity

The very colorful Run or Dye 5K race is coming to Abilene on August 17th and they've chosen Big Brothers Big Sisters as their charity partner (yay!). Our job is to find volunteers to work the event – BCBS will receive \$60 per volunteer! We were hoping that your club could provide 4 to 8 volunteers (so that you would also get credit for one to two interclubs).

A quick summary below:

Big Brothers Big Sisters is seeking volunteers to

assist with the Run or Dye 5K on Saturday, Aug. 17th. Shifts run from 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and include registration, water stations, first-aid stations, and dye-throwing stations. Register to work at www.runordye.com (click on “Volunteer”, select Abilene’s event, and enter the code ROBBBS10) or by calling Michelle Parrish at 674-3115.

Calendar

- August 6th – Club Satellite Meeting – 6:00pm Mezamiz Coffee Shop
- August 13th - Division Council Meeting, Al’s Mesquite Grill, 6:30pm
- August 9-11th TX-OK District Convention – Rockwall, TX
- August 15th - Board Meeting, Thursday Bogies Sandwich Shop 12:00 noon

Kiwanis Through the Years: 1961

- Pancake supper was held on March 28 at Rose Field House, Hardin Simmons Campus. The public enjoyed it and was labeled as “the biggest city wide event of the year.” Tables to accommodate 585 people at one sitting was provided. After the supper a committee was established to purchase more griddles. We have been borrowing griddles from Brownwood Kiwanis Club. Total ticket sales 9,092 with the net profit at \$3875.00
- American Library Week was observed by the club and inaugurated the continuance of the “Buy a Book for the Library” program. This has been a very successful program and has produced 4,556 books for the library. The Vocational Guidance Committee arranged for the club to present 117 Boy Scout Merit Badge Pamphlets to the library.
- The Boys & Girls Committee held a meeting at the Boy Scout building on South Jackson St.
- The Club joined fourteen other local service clubs at Dyess Air Force Base in observing Armed Forces Day. Luncheon was held in the Vapor Trails Service Club.
- The Vocational Committee presented five Vocational Guidance Kits to five High and Junior High Schools in the city. Cost for these Kits was \$700.
- Thirteen members of Club went to Sweetwater for an Inter-Club.
- The board voted to donate \$1000 toward the purchase of an athletic bus for Cooper High School. They also voted to allow \$400 for bars and other equipment for the swimming pool



Gary Bomar presented Rochelle Johnson, general manager of the Expo Center, with a check for \$1000 to help fund the 4-H Horse Show.

at West Texas Rehabilitation Center and \$400 for scholarships to be used next school year. The Boys & Girls committee recommended that the scholarship program be under the supervision of the Vocational Guidance Committee.

- On August 3, 1961 the board voted to combine the duties of the Secretary, Treasurer and the KIWANIGRAM editor under one head at a stipend of \$100 per month. Sid Pass was offered the combined job and he accepted it. The change will take place on Sept. 1.
- The Club’s Schoolboy Safety Patrol Program received special note at the International Convention in Toronto on July 2-6. Mel Coltharp and Burl King were the club’s delegates.
- Twenty-three members and wives attended the District Convention in San Angelo on October 10. This club was asked to demonstrate a model club meeting. Joe Humphrey acted as president and presided. Entertainment was provided by Jerry Hitt, and Ray N. Johnson brought the message.
- The Boys and Girls Committee recommended to the board a donation of \$480 for a new roof on the old dining hall at Camp Tonkawa which was honored. For the past four years the Abilene Kiwanis Club has made a sizeable donation to the big camp at Buffalo Gap. In 1957 the club paid \$500 for a campsite, Dining Chairs were purchased in 1958 with \$498, and in 1959, \$610 was spent for tables. Two boats costing \$180 each were purchased for the camp in 1960.
- The club donated \$400 to the West Texas Science Fair and purchased a cooler for Abilene State School.

SPIRITUAL AIMS THOUGHT TO PONDER

By Gordon Dowell

Perhaps the most perplexing question for many people is, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" On the surface, sometimes it's simply because a person is in the wrong place at the wrong time. Other times it's because one is caught quite by surprise by a debilitating disease, an accident or other unexpected trauma. Our family has experienced our share of "trouble" over time; my wife widowed at 26 with one child, me widowed at 29 with 3 children, married to each other at 30 with a blended family, soon to find one young child with a learning disability, two young children with seizures, a couple of the group a bit rebellious (sound familiar to anyone?), one, (with 3 friends) severely injured when his apartment was invaded one Sunday afternoon, etc., etc. We were Christians, trying to live Godly lives. And this...why, we would ask? I suspect you have experienced your share of "troubles" in life.

"And Peter opened his mouth and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons" Acts 10:34 ASV; "...for he (the Father) maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on

the just and on the unjust." Matt 5:45 KJV. The simple answer to the question "Why?" is that we live in a fallen world, and that God doesn't promise Christians an escape from evil and suffering. In a recent study of the Risen Lord's Letters to the Seven Churches of Asia, Rev 2:1 - 3:22, I have been reminded that Satan is at war with God and that Christians live in two realities: the Spiritual and the "flesh and blood" Physical, where we experience evil and suffering. His letters are aimed at helping those Christians better understand human suffering via evil, persecution, slander, false teaching, etc. because, that those things cause tension in our lives. And the Lord asks them and us to "overcome," to "hold on," to "patiently endure, to be a "Faithful Witness."

So, when it comes our way, rather than ask Why, the more mature Christian attitude would be to ask, "Why not" and wait for the time God will make it all O.K., i.e., when we see the restoration of all things, when we experience the Lord's return, and we see the new heaven and the new earth descend. Rev 21:1; II Pet 3:13.

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July 10, 2013

You've been so nice
so thoughtful, too,
A warm thank-you
to all of you!

President Randy and the Kiwanis Club
of Abilene Board,

Words alone cannot express my sincere
gratitude to you for sending me to the KI
Convention in Vancouver. I came away from
the experience with a deep sense of appreciation
for the Kiwanis family. Nancy introduced me to
so many people and kindly explained my questions!
I also want to thank you for supporting CS. Every
CS meeting we have Wednesday members who show
up to offer advice, encourage, assist and insight.
You are the key to our club growing in this non-
traditional manner. I sincerely thank you again
for allowing me to attend the convention, but more
important I thank you for being true servant leaders.
- Christine

Dear Kiwanians,
Thank you for the
generous scholarship for the
2013/2014 school year, and
for the wonderful reception.
I look forward to the
many endeavors I will
pursue in the future
at Belmont University.
Thanks for your faith
and support of me
through this new journey.
Thank you very much,
AMS
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