

## Larry Condra: Volunteer Opportunities for Kids Fish Camps Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, August 7th, 2013



As a retired school teacher who taught outdoor education and mentored kids through outdoor experiences, Larry Condra continues to teach and reach folks with outdoor learning. He is an Area Chief for Texas Parks and Wildlife Aquatics Education as well as an archery specialist with the Texas Archery in Schools Project through TPWD. Larry teaches camping, outdoor cooking, and other outdoor skills to scout groups, church groups, Big Sisters Big Brothers, and now with Fishing's Future. Larry will be sharing with us about Kids Fish Camps and opportunities to volunteer. "You will not regret the time you

spend helping others to learn more about and enjoy the outdoors".

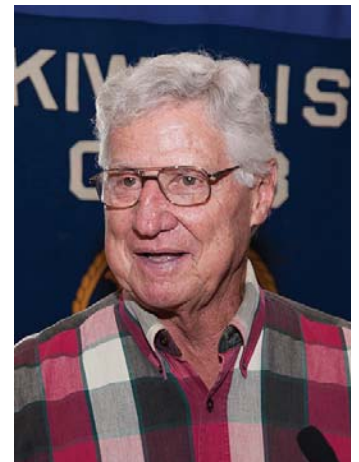
"Fishing is my main love in the outdoors", says Condra, "and I can help families reconnect through fishing and spending time outdoors TOGETHER". Larry has passed the love of fishing to his own children and now is enjoying doing the same with his grandchildren.



Christine Curtis-Carr and Nancy Miller gave a report on the Kiwanis International Convention held in Vancouver.



Keith Garner presented the program.



Jeff Goodin introduced the program.

**KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE**  
**Weekly Meeting**  
**July 31st, 2013**  
**Abilene Country Club**

Led Meeting.....	Randy Williams
Prayer.....	James Hallmark
Music.....	Russell Berry
Piano.....	Lora Lynn Christensen
Pledge.....	Melvin Martin
Guests.....	Don Paige
Cup Money.....	\$34.90
Brag Money(Roy Dent).....	\$11.00

**In our prayers**

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

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 and Ron Carroll

**Guests**

Guests.....Guest of Member Charles Ellis.....Randy Williams  
 Kristi Lee .....Club Guest  
 Roma Howard....George Woodfin of Greater Abilene

Interclub from Greater Abilene: George Woodfin, James Harvey, Jane Harvey and Gene Linder

**Program**

Jeff Goodin introduced two sets of speakers for the July 31st meeting.

Nancy Miller and Christine Curtis-Carr provided a review of the International Convention held in June in Vancouver, Canada. The program included a great slide presentation highlighting events of the convention. There were approximately 4,000 in attendance with 2,000 of those serving as delegates. Christine communicated the workshops were excellent and she highlighted two speakers who have websites available. Check out [www.risingabove.com/spark](http://www.risingabove.com/spark) to learn more about John O'Leary and [www.rick-hansen.com](http://www.rick-hansen.com) to learn about Rick Hansen. Nancy shared updates on the election of officers, discussed amendments and the progress of the Eliminate Project. More details can be found on the International website at [www.kiwanisone.org](http://www.kiwanisone.org). Make plans now to



**John Snapp presented a check for \$250 to Kristi Le of Community Partners to help children buy school supplies.**

attend the convention in 2015 when we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis. The convention will be held in Indianapolis and it will certainly be a celebration to remember! Thanks Nancy and Christine for representing us at the convention!

Keith Garner followed the convention update and shared about the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) program. He spoke of challenges and the need for volunteers. The purpose of ESGR is to help ensure employees are treated fairly when called upon for military service. Contact Keith for more information and to get involved.

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

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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](http://www.runordye.com) (click on "Volunteer", select Abilene's event, and enter the code ROBBBS10) or by calling Michelle Parrish at 674-3115.

## Gift for the Children

John Snapp, Chairman of the Boys and Girls committee presented \$250.00 to Community Partners representative Kristi Le. Kristi expressed her appreciation and communicated the funds would be used to help with school supplies for children.

## Magic!

Gene Linder communicated that Division 35 would host a Magic Show on October 8th at the Paramount Theatre. This will be a fund raiser for the Hendrick Project. Sponsors are needed for the event and volunteers to help are also needed. Contact Gene for more details.

## Club History Website Update

Web Master Charles Kirkpatrick is pleased to announce that the Club History on our web site has been updated and now includes a page for every year up to and including the present.

A special thank you to the following Past Presidents who contributed a summary of the year of their presidency: James Hallmark, Bill and Margaret Hoogstra, Carl Lockett, Gary Bomar, Lora Lynn Christensen, Charles Kirkpatrick, and Russell Berry. "Where'er you go, let the people know, That Kiwanis goes booming along. (Shout) KEEP IT BOOMING! And Kiwanis Goes Booming along."

## 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



Charles Ellis was a guest of President Randy Williams.

## Perfect Attendance for July 2013

David Bacon	Donna King
Russell Berry	Charles Kirkpatrick
Curtis Blackburn	Carl Lockett
Jamie Breed	Royce Manning
Zach Briley	Donald McDonald
Chris Carnohan	Nancy Miller
Lora Lynn Christensen	Clinton Nix
Roy Cloud	Gary Poynor
Christine Curtis-Carr	Kenneth Poynor
Faye Dodson	Robert Pritz
Keith Garner	Jack Rentz
Jeff Goodin	James Shields
Glyn Hammons	William A Smith
Margaret Hoogstra	John Snapp
William Hoogstra	Earl Williams
Mark Hoover	Randy Williams
Kelly Jones	Tim Adcock
Richard Kincaid	

## Kiwanis Through the Years: 1947

- Meeting Place: Wooten Hotel
- Charter Anniversary Program was held on Thursday evening, May 15, 1947, 8 P.M.; Iris Graham Memorial Hall, McMurry Campus.
- The "Rough Neck" bunch had dwindled down to one table.
- A trip through West Texas towns was organized by the club to promote the West Texas Fair in Abilene.
- Club gave \$200 to the Milk Fund and pledged \$50 monthly for October, November and December. This money is collected each week in the Milk Fund Bottles at the club meeting. Usually get \$15 or \$20 each week.
- Ft. Worth Club visited Abilene Club on Oct. 29, 1947. Some came by auto, and some on a DC3 to the Airport as an Inter-club in response to the Inter-club Abilene had on June 5.

# SPIRITUAL AIMS THOUGHT TO PONDER

*By Gordon Dowell*

How frequently do you marvel, as do I, at God's creation? it's wonders are written everywhere! On the faces of the physical creation, on the faces of newborns, growing children, the "new creations" resulting from spiritual births, the depths of the sea, to the glory of the heavens. The Psalmist recognized this when he wrote in Psalm 19:1-4 these words:

*"The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.  
Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they display knowledge.  
There is no speech or language  
where their voice is not heard.  
Their voice goes out into all the earth,  
their words to the ends of the world."*

In Genesis 1:28 God said, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it." Obviously, we, ancestors, and our descendents are the product of God's creative power, and live today by faith recognizing His divine presence in all things.

The Kiwanis defining statement is, "Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time." In a real sense, we join with parents, teachers, and hundreds of significant others (points of light), in helping children grow into responsible adults, ones who will duplicate themselves in service to others to make this a better world, and bring glory and honor to God. Yes, the heavens declare the glory of God, but maybe, just maybe, we can add a mite to God's creative process, because after all, "it does take a village to raise a child."



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