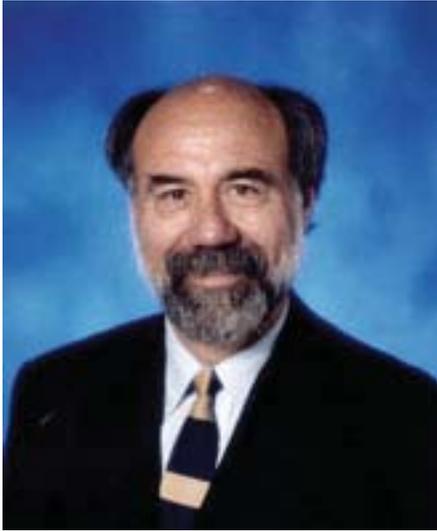




Jack Harkins: "myLIFEspeaks" Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, August 14th, 2013



The topic of today's program will be "myLIFEspeaks." One of our own members, Jack Harkins, will be discussing this program/ministry his youngest daughter Tracy and her husband Chris and their five children are involved with in Nepley, Haiti. Earlier this year, Jack had the opportunity to visit Haiti; he will be sharing his impression of what he saw as well as discussing the mission of "myLIFEspeaks" and what they are doing to help the children of Haiti. Tracy is the Special Education Director of the program and Chris is the Operations Director of the program. The program consists of many sub-programs and utilizes over 40 people.

Jack was raised in Stamford, Texas and graduated from Stamford High School in 1967. He attended Texas Tech University and received a Bachelor of Architecture degree with honors in 1972 and began working full time as an Architectural Intern at the Tittle Luther Partnership. In 1980, Jack became a partner with the firm and was one of the senior partners of TLP when it merged with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper January 1, 2012. Jack is a shareholder in PSC which has 280 employees in 6 offices including Abilene, Lubbock, Midland, Amarillo, El Paso, and Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Over the 44 year career in architecture, Jack has worked on almost every building type ranging from single family residences to public schools, higher education facilities, airports, and even zoos, but his focus has been on Higher Education and has designed most of the buildings in the last 35 years on the Abilene Christian University and Hardin-Simmons University campuses as well as some projects for Cisco College, Tarleton State University, Howard Payne University, and TAMU-College Station.

Jack is married to Roxie. Jack has two daughters. The oldest is Holly who works as an Environmental Scientist specializing in storm and waste water management in Beaumont, Texas. Holly and her husband Bill have three children. Tracy is the youngest. She and her family, and ministry, is the subject of today's program.



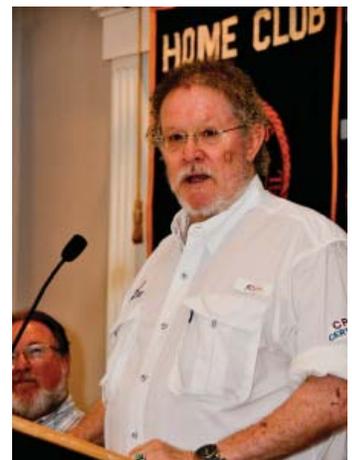
Randy Williams led the meeting.



Bobbie Wolfe led the prayer.



Brice West introduced the program.



Larry Condra gave the program.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
Weekly Meeting
August 7th, 2013
Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Randy Williams
Prayer.....	Bobbie Wolfe
Music.....	Chris Carnohan
Piano.....	Cynthia Laster
Pledge.....	Lew Lewis
Guests.....	Russell Berry
Cup Money.....	\$37.19
Brag Money(Donna King).....	\$3.00



Chris Carnohan led the music.

In our prayers

Those who have lost loved ones recently, especially former member John Landry whose wife passed away on August 7th.

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 Boozer, A.C. Johnson and Bill Zavatson, and Ron Carroll.

It was great to see Jarrell Young back with us on August 7th!

Guests

Guests.....Guest of Member
 Ronny Mason Donna King

Program

Larry Condra was the speaker for August 7th and was introduced by Brice West. Larry, a former Kiwanian, and known by several in the audience, presented a very good program on "Fishing's Future" which began in 2007. In a short span of six years, Fishing's Future has grown to 40 chapters across the United States and Switzerland. Abilene was the 4th chapter. This is an all volunteer group of people who teach dynamics of fishing to families. The program is not about fishing but about connecting families. He presented an excellent video which captured the heart of Fishing's Future and communicated that funds, sponsors and volunteers are needed. The average cost per event is about \$500.00 and there is no cost to participants. The organization provides all equipment and food for the one day camp. This is not only great fun and rewarding to the volunteers; it can be a life changing event for families as they spend time together learning and connecting.

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

Magic!

Carl Lockett communicated that Division 35 will 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. Carl has tickets available at \$8.00 per ticket. The goal of \$17,000.00 is needed to fulfill the \$50,000.00 pledge made to sponsor a room for the Children's Wing.

Remember

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 RODBBS10) or by calling Michelle Parrish at 674-3115.

Have you sponsored a new member this year? Be sure to help them connect and get involved.

TX-OK District Convention

Texas – Oklahoma District Convention took place August 8th – August 11th. We look forward to hearing from those who traveled to Rockwall for this annual event.

Calendar

- August 13th - Division Council Meeting, Al's Mesquite Grill, 6:30pm
- August 15th - Board Meeting, Thursday Bogies Sandwich Shop 12:00 noon
- September 3rd – Club Satellite Meeting – 6:00pm Mezamiz Coffee Shop

Kiwanis Through the Years: 1973

- The new Club officers and directors were installed by Lt. Gov. Bert Chapman. Russell Berry was inducted as a new member on October 11, 1972. He became club President in 1985.
- Senator-Elect and former State Representative, Grant Jones was the speaker on October 8, 1972. He encouraged the passing of Amendment No. 1 which would raise the salaries of the legislators from \$4800 \$8400 per year. He also brought the club up to date on Austin.
- New college faculty members were special guests of the club and heard Dr Allen Cordts, new Dean at McMurry talk about the importance of private colleges.
- Bob Hitt has arranged for a picture of the Kiwanian who pledged to bring in a new member and mount it on a board where it stays until he has introduced his new member. New member contracts were signed by 60 Kiwanians.
- A new Evening Kiwanis Club is being organized to be known as the Kiwanis Club of the Big Country. It started meeting at the Bank of Commerce on South 14th St. Nine from or club attended Charter night on Jan. 22, 1973.
- A Boys Ranch boy was awarded \$420 to pay tuition to attend barber school by the Board of Directors.
- A memorial fund to honor deceased past president Haddon Anderson has been established for the purpose of assisting with the covering of the swimming pool at Abilene State School. This fund grew to \$3,234 of which \$1617 came from individual contributions and \$1617 from Pancake supper matching funds and was given to the Volunteer Council of the State School.
- A Circle K Charter Application was sent to International for a Chapter at A.C.C. Richard Dillard is Circle K Chairman. Circle K may now admit girls into the organization and some at A.C.C are wanting in.
- Division 12 Ladies night was a great success. Nib Shaw was presented the Kiwanian of the



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- Year Award and past president Jerome Vannoy was presented a watch. Roy Coffman was in charge of our club's attendance. Rex Kyker presented a check for \$50,000 to Abilene State School Superintendent, L. W. Cain for the Swimming Pool Cover Project.
- Pancake Supper Ticket sales Kick-off was March 14 with the theme to sell 7226 tickets as that was the amount that was spent in 1972 for the club's boys and girls projects. Raymond McDaniel, Jr is the Asst. General Chairman. Tickets are selling for \$1.00. Nick Nicholson is general Chairman and reported that the net profit from the supper was \$5,637.93. Two additional griddles were purchased for \$787.70
- A campaign to improve the attendance at club meetings was initiated and each Kiwanian put his name in the box and then at the end of several weeks names would be drawn and prizes awarded. The more slips in the box, the better chance to win a prize. Fifteen or twenty prizes were awarded.
- The Board of Directors appropriated \$1945.10 to furnish a new room at the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, also \$295 to Camp Tonkawa for a new canoe.
- At the International Convention in Montreal propositions voted down were (1) no women members in Kiwanis; (2) no change in the present Kiwanis year (Oct 1-Sept. 30); (3) no increase in International dues and (4) no acceptance of lotteries for Kiwanis Clubs.
- A campaign under the leadership of Chuck Moser is out to get additional gum ball locations. Over 1000 prospective sponsors letters were mailed. One hundred thirty new locations were secured.

SPIRITUAL AIMS THOUGHT TO PONDER

By Gordon Dowell

"What is Truth?" has been pondered by philosophers, theologians, researchers and the "common guy" for centuries. And, there have been many answers to the question! Many would argue that truth is relative; others would answer that truth is absolute; maybe both are true (truth) depending on one's presuppositions. For example, the person who believes in a sovereign, creator God will usually believe that there is an Absolute Truth, an external, objective moral order for human kind. He may point to biblical citations like, "Sanctify them in the truth: thy word is truth" (Jn 17:17) or, Jesus declared "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (Jn 14:6). Jesus repeatedly says in the Gospels, "I tell you the truth...."

However many trained in universities in the sciences, search for "truth" through use of the scientific or empirical method. They may or may not be God-believers. This method utilizes observation of physical phenomena then develop hypotheses to explain these observations, collect and analyze data/results, then arrive at a conclusion, or truth... but always... within a certain degree of probability.

Later some other scientist may replicate the study and find different results. Or, another scientist will say, in essence, that the first study didn't include all the relevant observations, revise the study and find "another truth." And so, the world goes on with new "truths" being discovered. And, this process goes on in the social/human realm, the medical realm, etc.

Complicated? Well yes, but the question is, can the two approaches co-exist? There are a lot of Christian scientists! I suspect most believe in a God who created the universe, and that His inspired word is Spiritual Truth, in an absolute sense, in human relationships and in moral and ethical matters. And concurrent with this Atheists, Agnostics, doers of evil and adherents of other world religions will likely deny the God of the Bible and give other explanations for things as they are (e.g., Evolution, other so-called deities, etc.).

So where does this leave us? My answer is "but as for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah." (Josh 24:15) ASV

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