

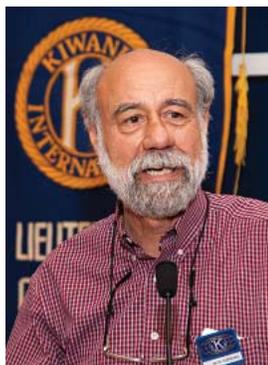
Dr. Jerry Cox presents "The Evil Spirit Inside Me: PTSD" Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, August 21st, 2013



Dr. Jerry Cox will be our speaker next Wednesday, August 21. His topic will be "The Evil Spirit Inside of Me: Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder." This veteran supported presentation will provide the audience with several areas for consideration regarding Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. This will include the history, identification, causes, symptoms (physical/emotional) of PTSD plus a brief overview of the Libby and Biggs PTSD training/retention program for business, industry, educational, faith-based and medical environments. Jerry served 881 days in the Republic of Vietnam with the US Army and received combat decorations while serving with the 101st Airborne and the 1st Calvary Division. He presently is very involved in organizing non-clinician PTSD informational/training programs for companies, educational institutions and faith based organizations. Dr. Cox is the Western Region consultant for the Leedy and Biggs National Training Group.

Although originally from the Huntsville, Texas region Dr. Cox has been a West Texan for almost 20 years. Jerry returned to college at Abilene Christian University in 1996 at age 45 after an absence of 28 years from higher education. He completed his Bachelor's degree in 1997 and then finished his Masters of Science degree in Organization and Human Resource Development at ACU one year later. While at ACU he was also selected as a McNair Scholar and was involved in research presentations at the University of California at Irvine and at Penn State. In 2000 Jerry was selected as the Dean of Extended Learning at Three Rivers Community College in Missouri and later served as Dean of Adult Learning at a small university in Indiana and later as Director of a proprietary School in Atlanta Georgia. Jerry completed his Ed.D in Adult Education from Nova Southeastern University in 2001 with his main concentrations being andragogy and at-risk student populations.

For the last decade Jerry has been involved in the development of workforces in the heavy construction arenas for International companies such as Bechtel, Shaw Group and Chicago Bridge and Iron. His expertise in developing curriculum, education/industry partnerships, reframing organizations, and the creation of leadership and soft skills development programs targeting emotional intelligence and generational differences has helped many secure good jobs within the solar, nuclear and coal fired industries.



Jack Harkins presented the program.



Earl Williams presented a gumball check in the amount of \$405.48.



Michelle Brasher from our Club Satellite attended today's meeting.



Pete Young was a guest of Michelle Brasher.



Blake Novell of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene was a guest.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
Weekly Meeting
August 14th, 2013
Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Randy Williams
Prayer.....	Ken Poynor
Music.....	Chris Carnohan
Piano.....	Tim Adcock
Pledge.....	Roy Dent
Guests.....	David Bacon
Cup Money.....	\$38.09
Brag Money.....	\$65.00

In our prayers

Those who have lost loved ones recently, especially former member Nancy Miller whose sister-in-law passed away 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 Booz-er, A.C. Johnson and Bill Zavatson, and Ron Carroll.

Guests

Guests.....	Guest of Member
Pete Samuel Young.....	Michelle Brasher
Teresa Clifton	Club
Kristy Leavenworth.....	Russell Leavenworth
Blake Norvell	Greater Abilene

Program

Jerry Carter introduced our speaker and fellow club member Jack Harkins for the August 15th meeting.

Jack recently returned from a trip to Haiti where his daughter Tracy and her family are working with the MyLifeSpeaks project. MyLifeSpeaks focuses on the children of Haiti and is establishing "Forever Homes" for the many orphans. Each home will house 7 to 8 children; at least two of the children are considered special needs. This mission has already established a feeding program for children and infants, prenatal care instruction, special education classrooms for orphans and other children, and physical therapy programs as well as bible study. MyLifeSpeaks is currently planning to establish a medical clinic.

Gordon Dowell presented Jack with a \$1,000.00 check for MyLifeSpeaks.



John Snapp presented \$250 to Teresa Clifton of Taylor County Learning Center.

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

1st Place Website

Having just returned from the TO convention, Mark Hoover was called forward to make a presentation during the August 15th meeting. Our club's website was awarded 1st place amongst large sized clubs. Kudos to our webmaster – Charles Kirkpatrick! Charles received a certificate and the club was given a \$100.00 gift certificate to the TO Store.

Remember

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

Taylor County Learning Center

John Snapp presented a \$250.00 check to Teresa Clifton for the Taylor County Learning Center on August 15th.

Club Satellite

Club Satellite members are collecting school supplies. Bring items to the August 28th meeting. Needs are great for many students. Collected items will be presented to Communities in Schools. Contact Christine Curtis- Carr for additional details.

Gumball Report

Earl Williams presented a gumball check to the club in the amount of \$405.48.

Calendar

- September 3rd – Club Satellite Meeting – 6:00pm Mezzamiz Coffee Shop
- September 10th - Division Council Meeting, Al's Mesquite Grill, 6:30pm
- September 19th - Board Meeting, Thursday Bogies Sandwich Shop 12:00 noon
- September 25th – Celebration Meeting –final meeting for 2012-2013 – a time of celebration! Make plans to attend this special celebration.

Kiwanis Through the Years: 1960

- Lt. Gov. Richard Shipman from Sweetwater inducted the new club officers and directors on January 6, 1960. The new President is the Taylor County Superintendent of Schools. January 6, 1960: This is the week for the West Abilene Kiwanis Club's annual Chili Day at the Abilene High School Cafeteria. They made \$1400.
- Twenty five Kiwanians under the leadership of Charles Heard manned a Polio Blockade at North 1st and Graham St.
- The board approved a donation of \$500 to furnish a 4 bed dormitory at the new YMCA building.
- The club changed its meeting place on Feb. 24 to the Coca Cola Auditorium so the Wooten Hotel could be used to serve the large number of visitors attending the A. C. C. Lecture-ship. The streets were covered with ice and everyone had a slipping time.
- The Kiwanis Club Of South Abilene had its initial meeting on Tuesday, February. 23 at Thornton's Cafeteria. Bert Chapman and Joe Smith did the leg work to get this new club organized. Shella Thornton was named as the Club's first president.
- The directors voted to provide approximately \$100 for the making of a movie of scenes at Abilene State School for use in acquainting the community with this institution.
- Sales of the Ninth Pancake Supper tickets kicked off on March 9 for the greatest show in Abilene Kiwanis history. Billy Earles and Hugh Skinner are Pancake Chairman and Co-chairman of ticket sales. Cleve Cobb is the overall Chairman. Two hundred and fifty posters were distributed throughout the city. Raymond McDaniel has been assigned the thankless job of arranging for the "Other Necessary Items" such as fans, trash trucks, barrels, etc, etc. Seven musical groups were on hand to pro-



Charles Kirkpatrick accepted a certificate recognizing our club's web site as the best among large clubs in the TX-OK District.

vide entertainment during the supper. Income from ticket sales amount to \$4329.50, a sale of 9327 tickets. KPS badges helped sell tickets.

- The club spent \$130 to provide plaques that were presented to the students who were winners in the West Texas Fat Stock show.
- The meeting of the club was held in the assembly room of the new city library on May 4. This resulted in a Kiwanis sponsored campaign through out the city to buy additional books for the library. The club and its members donated \$500 for new books.
- The Wooten Hotel raised the cost for luncheon from \$1.25 to \$1.50. The dues were raised from \$7.50 per month to \$8.50.
- Two well equipped boats were purchased for Camp Tonkawa at the cost of \$195.00.
- One hundred folding chairs were purchased for the new YMCA building.
- A \$100.00 scholarship for a student specializing in music was approved.



Gordon Dowell presented \$1000 to Jack Harkins for myLIFEspeaks.

SPIRITUAL AIMS THOUGHT TO PONDER

By Gordon Dowell

As some of you know, "myLIFEspeaks" was the theme of Jack Harkin's presentation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene last Wednesday. Jack's daughter Tracy King, husband Chris and their 5 children moved to Neply, Haiti last fall to serve impoverished children and adults in that country. The Kiwanis Club of Abilene made a \$1,000 donation on Wednesday to "myLIFEspeaks," presented to Jack for conveyance to the work there.

Tracy King wrote the following article last Valentines Day about LOVE. I commend it to your reading. Due to length, half of it will be used this week and the remainder next week. Here it is:

"The day of love. The anticipated bouquet of flowers. The annual box of chocolates. The date night to a romantic dinner destination. All for the day of love."

What is love anyway? It sure feels good to know that people love me. And I am one of those people that loves to love others. But love, true love....Christlike love is so different. Take these familiar verses to heart...

"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, endures all things." 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.

I want so badly to understand that love. To love beyond my own selfishness and be more like the One who loves me.

All too often, stories of oppression, tragedy, destruction, starvation, and illness dominate headlines and conversations when people talk of Haiti.

These tough circumstances are real and we are faced with the reality of them more often than we wish to admit. But, if we open our eyes, choose to see LIFE, and see opportunities to know the hearts of our neighbors, I believe we see LOVE....the real love... genuine, unconditional, Christlike love.

(Written about an elderly Haitian couple) He is no less than 75 years old. She is close to the same. His body and mind have begun to weaken, and his spirit is often down. But she loves him, even when truly there is no hope for him to physically love her in return. I have asked her if she knows Jesus. Yes, she says. And I say that I can tell. She is my neighbor, my friend, and so much more. Often, we find her in her yard bathing her husband from head to toe, while he uses all of his strength to stand helplessly, allowing her to serve him. They walk slowly to church every Sunday morning...he is holding onto her for support and she is carrying his special chair that he always sits on. I check on them periodically....today he is not feeling well. He can't get up. She sits near his mattress on the floor and waits....waits to serve him. I ask her if she sleeps next to him as I look at the tattered twin sized mattress. She says no...she sleeps on a sheet on the concrete floor next to him and points to the sheet sitting in the corner of the room. Love bears all things and endures all things. She often tells me thanks for being a missionary and I tell her thank you for being the same. She is the hands and feet of Christ. Her love is patient, kind, and expects nothing in return. Her selfless love and devotion reminds me of Gods love for us."

Tune in for "The Rest of The Story" next week.

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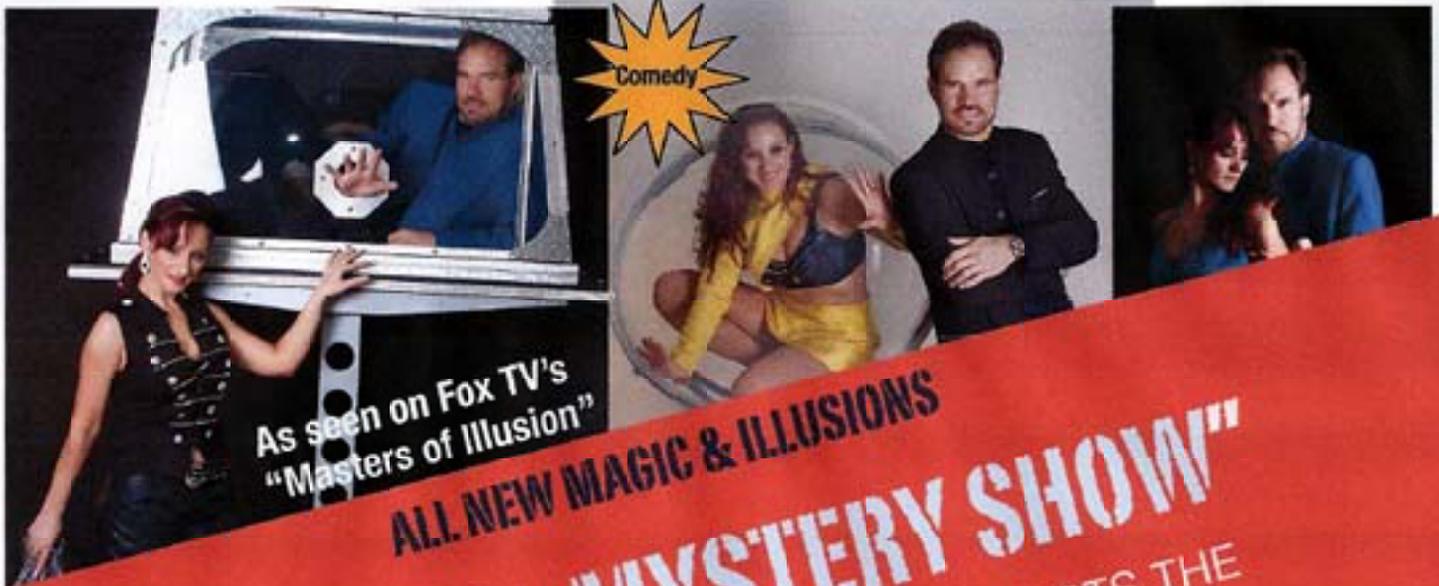
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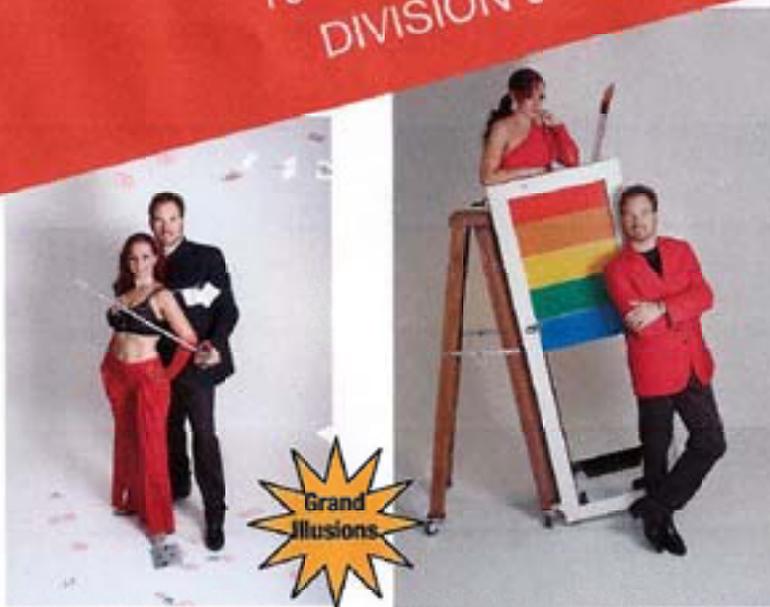


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