



## DR. LARRY BUTLER : OUT ON THE LAND

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, September 18th, 2013

Dr. Larry Butler, host, executive producer, and owner of OUT ON THE LAND, a half-hour series on RFD-TV in Weatherford, Texas, will present our program this week. OUT ON THE LAND focuses on stewards of the land, the conservation they apply to their lands, and benefits we all receive due to their stewardship.

Larry retired from USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in 2007, after a 32 year career working with ranchers, farmers, and others across the United States. He finished his career in his home state of Texas as the State Conservationist, leading the agency's personnel as they helped people plan and apply conservation.

When he isn't out on the land producing another TV episode somewhere in rural America, Larry may be found consulting with landowners to help them apply conservation on their ranches and farms. A frequent after-dinner entertainer and motivational speaker, he also writes and performs his original western poetry.



Deputy Chief Weldon Wilkerson introduced Eddy Harris



Captain Eddy Harris



First Responder trophy



Eddy Harris and His wife Lisa

**KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE**  
**Weekly Meeting**  
**September 11th, 2013**  
**Abilene Country Club**

Led Meeting.....	Randy Williams
Prayer.....	Faye Dodson
Music.....	Alan Eggleston
Piano.....	Jamie Breed
Pledge.....	Russell Leavenworth
Guests.....	Russell Berry
Cup Money.....	\$35.50
Brag Money(David Bacon).....	\$27.00

**In our prayers**

Remember Jarrell Young.....who especially asks you to lift up Dr. David Izbrand, his eye surgeon..... Please pray that God will steady his trained hands as he removes the cataract on his left eye on Sept. 18th.

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

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

Those who have lost loved ones and those caring for family members

**Guests**

Guests.....Guest of Member Mary Ann Martin.....Melvin Martin Dorothy Dowell.....Gordon Dowell First Responders – Firemen and Police Officers as follows:

Jim Moore, Joey Kincaid, Larry Bell, Eddie Harris and his family Lisa, Walt, Nita, Monica, and Meagan Harris Bobbi Bieberly .....Greater Abilene

**Program**

Melvin Martin introduced the program and numerous guests on Wednesday September 11th. Melvin shared the background of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Melvin Martin 1st Responder award and communicated the previous recipients of this award. Those worthy recipients were:

- 2008 Brian Trail – Abilene Police Dept
- 2009 Randy Doan – Abilene Fire Dept
- 2010 Rodney Holder – Abilene Police Dept
- 2011 Texas Forrest Service
- 2012 Sparky Dean – Texas Dept Public Safety

Congratulations to Melvin and his committee for selecting Captain Eddy Harris of the Abilene Fire Department as the recipient of the sixth annual Melvin Martin First Responder Award. Melvin took



**Eddy Harris with his parents, Nita and Walt Harris**

great pleasure in introducing deputy Chief Wilkerson who in turn honored Captain Harris as the 2013 recipient. Captain Harris concluded the program by reminding us of the events of September 11, 2001, a day in history that will forever be remembered. It is staggering today to realize more than 17,000 people were in the towers that day, 2,977 U.S. Citizens lost their lives, 411 of those were 1st responders and 333 were New York Fire Fighters. Much was learned from this tragedy. He communicated that what he does is all in a days work and he could not do it without the support of his family. Eddy chose to designate the \$1,000.00 donation for the Melvin Martin Center for Safety City.

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**

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Donna King. Donna, a new member, earned a Silver Star to place on her membership badge for serving as a greeter at the weekly meetings.

**Cancer Services Network**

Cancer Services Network needs volunteers to help with their Fashions for the Cure style show on September 30th and for their annual Run Together event on Saturday October 5th. They also have a need for volunteers in the office the week of these two events. Contact Amanda McKee, Director of Operations for Cancer Services Network at 673-0040 to volunteer.

## Annual Heart Walk – October 5th

Help is needed and pledge forms will be on the tables each week during the month of September. Checks can be made payable to the American Heart Association. Kiwanians have supported this effort since 1984. Thanks for your continued support to this important event. Contact Russell Berry for additional details.

## Ramp Committee

Ramp Committee members continue to work hard and could use your help to build an additional 5 ramps in the coming weeks. Contact Kelly Jones, Dennis Laster, or Bill Hoogstra for details and to get involved.

## Division 35 Magic Show – Tuesday October 8th

A Sponsor form and flyer were included in the August 21st Kiwanigram. More than \$2,000.00 in tickets has been sold by Kiwanis Club of Abilene members thus far. We would like to bring that total to at least \$5,000.00. Your help is needed to sell tickets for this event. Contact Carl Lockett for additional information.

## Celebration Luncheon – September 25th

We need a number count and will have a sign up sheet at the meeting next week. Cost is \$10.00 for each guest and can be billed to the member on the October billing statement.

## Calendar

- 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.
- October 5th Heart Walk
- October 8th – Club Satellite Meeting – 6:00pm Mezamiz Coffee Shop
- October 8th – Division 35 Magic Show-7:00pm Paramount Theatre

## Kiwanis Through the Years: 1958

- A big push is being put on to get all Kiwanians to pay Poll Tax.
- Club members assisted with the mailing of the Easter Seals.
- Wearing the Kiwanis Lapel button is being en-



**First Responders Weldon Wilkerson, Eddy Harris, Joe Kincaid, Melvin Martin, Joey Moore, and Larry Bell**

- encouraged by the Public Relations Committee.
- Charles McFarland, Texas-Oklahoma District Governor was the speaker at the Club's meeting on March 12, 1958. A reception for all Kiwanis ladies was held at the home of Mrs. Joe Smith for them to greet the Governor's mother who came with him. The Governor was presented a western hat.
- Circle K is going great out at Hardin Simmons University as it is at McMurry College.
- Bob Niemann is the over-all chairman of the Pancake supper. Charles Heard is the Co-chairman. The supper is set for April 8 in Rose Field House. Tickets are 50 cents each. Supplies used at the supper included: 640 lb. bacon, 840 lb. pancake mix, 662 tall cans Pet evaporated milk, 180 lb Margarine, 396 quarts syrup. Clive Pierce sold 641 tickets. Total ticket sales were 8,267. Certificates were given to all who sold 100 or more tickets. Five hours of entertainment were provided as well as two clowns according to Claude Willis.
- The Club assisted with the organization of the Boys Club of Abilene in Southeast Abilene.



**Meagan, Eddy, Lisa, and Monica Harris**

# SPIRITUAL AIMS THOUGHT TO PONDER

*By Gordon Dowell*

At our Kiwanis meeting last week, those present know that I "bragged on my wife" ( I prefer to say 'honored') on the eve of our 50 years of marriage, 9/14/2013. Both widowed at an early age, God in His providence brought us together, to marry and blend our young children (her one, my three, and another later) into one family unit. God has blessed us immensely through the years! I know many of you have already celebrated your Golden Anniversary, and I commend you for your dedication to one of God's greatest institutions, marriage. Others of you are still on the journey...be steadfast! Even others, for one reason or another, are living single but noble lives.

As I reflect back over the last 50 years of our marriage, I can't help but think of the epilogue of the O.T. book of Proverbs which describes The Wife of Noble Character. While the context of life today is very different than it was then, It is easy to see the translation/ application of a number of these words/ qualities into today's context. So, this is written to honor all wives of noble character, and all Godly women, regardless of marital status. Hear the Psalmist's words, Psm. 31:10-31:

" A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.

She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. She gets up while it is still dark; she provides food for her family and portions for her servant girl. She considers a field and buys it; out of her

earnings she plants a vineyard. She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate."

Women, be not dismayed at what may seem to be an impossible standard. And men, remember, we live in a far more egalitarian culture today, one of more shared responsibility in the marriage relationship. Let us all remember, that the same writer said to men and women, in Eccl. 12, "Fear God and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of man." No perfection, just Godly living in the state in which we are called, and in God's grace!

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