

# KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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## RED, RHYTHM and BLUES

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, December 11th



Red, Rhythm, and Blues is the proud ambassador of Cooper High School and its vocal department. Members of this organization are highly respected students on campus and participate in many activities such as Concert Choir, Student Council, National Honor Society, Theatre, Sports, Orchestra, private vocal, piano and dance instruction, and many other extra-curricular activities. These well-rounded students are truly the "cream of the crop" and the future leaders of our

community.

Red, Rhythm, and Blues is under the direction of Mrs. Cara Naizer and assisted by Hollyn Griffin. A graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Mrs. Naizer is in her nineteenth year of teaching and has served as director of the choral programs of Clyde Jr. High and High School as well as Madison Middle School prior to coming to Cooper High School.



Bill Hoogstra led the opening prayer.

Don Scargall led the singing.

Chris Carnohan introduced our guests.

Glen Dromgoole was the presenter of today's program.

**KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE**  
**Weekly Meeting**  
**December 4th, 2013**  
**Abilene Country Club**

Led Meeting.....	Mark Hoover
Prayer.....	Bill Hoogstra
Music.....	Don Scargall
Piano.....	Tim Adcock
Pledge.....	Lora Lynn Christensen
Guests.....	Chris Carnohan
Cup Money.....	\$58.19
Brag Money(Russell Berry).....	\$5.00

**In our prayers**

Please remember to pray for the family of Ricki Brown. We are all saddened that Ricki passed away following a brief illness on December 5th. Ricki was a giver even at the end. She donated her liver and both kidneys so that others might live. A memorial service is being planned and we will keep you informed so you can choose to participate.

Remember to pray for Joan, wife of George Knight; Marilyn, wife of Jeff Goodin; and Karen, wife of John Snapp.

Continue to remember: James Shields, Jarrell Young, Van Boozer, A.C. Johnson, and Bill Zavatson.

Give praise for the blessings of life and friendship

**Guests**

Guest.....	Member
Becky Rentz .....	Jack Rentz
Saicy Lytle(2013 Sophomore of the Year).....	Club Guest
Bobbi and Larry Lytle .....	Club Guests

**Program**

Mark Hoover introduced the program on December 4th communicating Ricki Brown arranged this presentation. He introduced Glenn Dromgoole who then introduced Betty Davis and Jim Richmond, contributors to the book, "West Texas Christmas Stories" and edited by Glenn. Glenn, Betty, and Jim shared stories from this delightful book which was also available for purchase after the program. Each presentation was outstanding. The book is published by Abilene Christian University Press, contains more than 30 short stories, and is a wonderful Christmas gift. It can be purchased at Texas Star Trading Post as



**Mark Hoover and Randy Williams introduced Saicy Hill Lytle, our Sophomore of the Year from Anson High School.**

well as other local stores in Abilene.

President Hoover thanked each speaker and closed the meeting with the following words:

We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as the result of "getting something that we don't have", but rather of "recognizing and appreciating what we do have," as well as appreciating it for what it is, most importantly, "life itself". Kiwanians, go out, value that, and make Ricki proud.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Board Meeting**

Board Meeting at Bogies December 19th. Important – all board members need to attend.

Project Eliminate – money container at registration desk. Contribute!

**Cancelled Holiday Meetings**

Wednesday, December 25th – Merry Christmas Country Club Closed

Wednesday, January 1st, 2014 – Happy New Year Country Club Closed

**Club Satellite News**

Club Satellite members, along with Will Smith, Twyla and Mark Young assisted with the Boys and Girls Club float for the float in the annual Christmas parade held on December 3rd.

Christine Curtis-Carr shared the December project for club satellite is to assist the family of Dyess Airman, Steven Labell. Steven who was stationed in

Afghanistan lost his wife unexpectedly recently and leaves two small daughters (7 week old and 5 year old). Needs are great. Items and monetary donations are needed by Wednesday, December 11th. Contact Christine or LaQuiera Gantt for additional information.

President Mark Hoover expressed appreciation to club satellite members for their continued efforts to serve the community.

## 2013-2014 Sophomore of the Year

Saicy Lytle was introduced by Randy Williams. Saicy's parents Bobbi and Larry were also present for this special recognition. Randy shared that Saicy is a "Kiwanian in the making". She is active at First Baptist Church, a cheerleader and involved in a number of sporting teams. She has served on the student council for 2 years and is currently the sophomore class president. Saicy is green hand president and chapter president for the FFA. She has helped with canned food drives, concessions at athletic events; shoe box projects for children and is involved wherever she finds a need. Randy communicated that Saicy is certainly an encourager and shared the following quote from her application: "When you do something for the community, no matter how extravagant or how small, it can have a huge impact!" I think we can certainly agree that Saicy has a Kiwanian heart already. Randy presented a framed certificate to Saicy along with a check in the amount of \$100.00. Congratulations Saicy!

## Family In Need

Steven Labell, stationed in Afghanistan, has just lost his wife due to surgery complications. He returned home to a 7 week old baby and a 5 year old. The family needs diapers, wipes, restaurant gift cards, meals, etc. Christmas gifts for the two girls are also appreciated. CS thought that this would be a great way to end our year – by helping a family in need. LaQuiera Gantt will be the point of contact and will take the items on behalf of Kiwanis Club of Abilene. You may also make cash donations directly to Kiwanis Club of Abilene and the club will purchase items for you! Thank you to everyone who has already supported this family in need.

## Calendar

- December 10th— Division Council Meeting at 6:00pm, Al's Mesquite Grill
- December 11th – Program – Cooper High Schools Red Rhythm and Blues
- December 19th – Board Meeting 12:00 noon – Bogie's Sandwich shop

- January 7th – Club Satellite Meeting 6:00pm – Mezamiz Coffee Shop



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!



Betty Davis reads one of her stories from the book *West Texas Christmas Stories*.



Jim Richmond read a hilarious story about going to see Psycho when he was five years old.

# SPIRITUAL AIMS THOUGHT TO PONDER

*By Mark Hoover*

## Weekly Verse

"Since my youth, O God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds." —Psalm 71:17

## Weekly Quote

"No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks." —St. Ambrose

## Weekly Thought

How many ways have you been blessed by God? Relationally? Materially? Spiritually? Physically? His blessings are all around us, but we are too easily distracted. Consider an activity where you write in your journal or on a sheet of paper all the different ways God has blessed you. Not only can you divide

it by category, but you can also do this for different stages of your life: childhood blessings, teen blessings, young adult blessings, and so on until you hit your age. If this sounds too simplistic, remember that many people have started a gratitude list with skepticism, only to be delightfully surprised by how much the list brightened their outlook.

King David said, 'I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds' (Psalm 77:12). Another Psalm echoes, 'Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me' (66:16). Whatever God has done for you, stop to remember His blessings in detail. And say a word of thanks.

Lord, when I look back, I can see that You have been with me all my life. Thank You for Your goodness to me. Amen.

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