



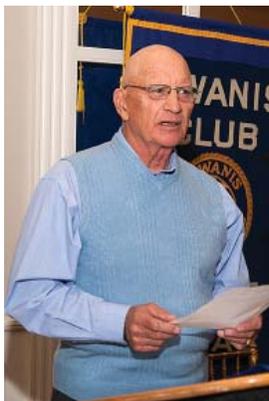
Christmas Holiday Program

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, December 18th

Come and join us for a Christmas Holiday program that will celebrate the season that comes at the end of the year. We will sing, listen to a musical presentation by our own Don Scargall (he is becoming a great annual joyful experience!), and hear words that remind us of the Reason for the Season. Come and be a part of the fellowship!



Nancy Miller led us in the opening prayer.



Roy Dent introduced our guests.



David Stoval was a guest of Mark Young.



Greg Rake was a guest of Mark Young.



This guy signed in as Kris Kringle, but he looks a lot like Richard Melton from the Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene.

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

Led Meeting.....Mark Hoover
 Prayer..... Nancy Miller
 Music.....Don Scargall
 Piano.....Tim Adcock
 Pledge.....Donna K. King
 Guests.....Roy Dent
 Cup Money.....\$46.78
 No Brag Basket this week

In our prayers

Please remember to pray for the family of Ricki Brown.
 Remember to pray for Joan, wife of George Knight, and Marilyn, wife of Jeff Goodin.
 Karen, wife of John Snapp will have heart surgery on Tuesday December 17th.
 Continue to remember: James Shields, Jarrell Young, Van Boozer, A.C. Johnson and Bill Zavatson
 Remember in prayer the James Norvell family. James, who passed away recently, is the father of Blake Norvell, from the Greater Abilene club.
 Give praise for moisture and the sunshine; and thank our Heavenly Father for sending His son to this earth for you and me.

Guests

Guest.....Member
 Kristy Leavenworth.....Russell Leavenworth
 Kristen PierceRandy Williams
 Joan BatsonDavid Batson

Club Guests

David Stovall and Greg Rake from the Boys and Girls Club

Inter club from Greater Abilene

James Estes, George Woodfin, Roma Howard, Gary Jay, Gail Jay, and Kris Kringle, AKA Richard Melton

Program

Charles Kirkpatrick introduced Cara Naizer, choral director for Cooper High School, and "Red Rhythm and Blues" as the program on December 11th. Wow! The program was outstanding! From the first two pieces of acapella music to the finale of "Twist and Shout"; this group of students presented a high energy program and were phenomenal! Their harmony and choreography were exceptional! Some of those favorite Christmas songs were "Sleigh Bells",



Red, Rhythm, and Blues of Cooper High School presented an outstanding musical program.

"I'll Be Home for Christmas", "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas". This awesome presentation was terrific!

President Hoover thanked Cara and the performers and then closed our meeting with the following: "With each new day be willing to learn something new. A day without learning something is wasted. Always be open to expanding your mind and horizons." Let us be learned Kiwanians!

Hope to see you next week! You will be glad you came.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ricki Brown Memorial

Ricki Brown, Kiwanis Club of Abilene member and Treasurer, passed away on December 5, 2013. A memorial celebrating the life of Ricki will be held on Wednesday, December 18th at 5 PM at the Abilene Civic Center, Conference Room #1. Our Club has been asked to participate in sharing stories and memories of Ricki. Doug Williamson will speak on behalf of our Club for 3- 4 minutes. All Kiwanis Club of Abilene members are invited to attend the memorial service. Any member who has stories or memories to share is encouraged to do so by providing them to Doug Williamson or Mark Hoover.

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

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.

Presentation

Congratulations to Jerry Carter! Board members of the Boys and Girls Club, Greg Rake and David Stovall joined Mark Young to present a plaque as a token of appreciation to Jerry for his service on the board. Jerry served as treasurer of the board for 3 years and as communicated by Greg, did an outstanding job.

Pancake Day 2014 Proposal

President Mark Hoover briefed the Kiwanis Club on a Pancake Day 2014 Proposal made by Dennis Laster to the Board for its consideration and action. The proposal states, "The 2014 Pancake Day will be the 65th Anniversary of this event. This is a proposal to celebrate the anniversary by providing a Pancake Day with no charge. The no charge [Event] will be our gift back to Abilene from the Kiwanis Club of Abilene. The proposal is to continue with the Silent Auction and ask one of the local foundations to provide the \$25,000 to \$30,000 income that we would usually make with ticket sales."

Under this proposal, if adopted, there would be NO ticket sales. The Club would still do the Silent Auction with donated items for sale that would hopefully raise \$10,000 - \$11,000 as in the past several years. This money would be used to cover the expenses of providing the free event. Requests would be made to not just one but to several local foundations for donations to make up the \$30,000 net income the Club would normally make that goes toward the future year's budgets, both operational and service accounts.

Any shortage between the \$30,000 and amounts



Randy's daughter, Kristen Pierce, was a guest today.

donated would be made up by drawing down on the Club's excess funds presently in the bank. Half of the \$30,000 amount has been pledged. Requests are pending with four foundations.

There are financial and logistical issues for the Board to consider. There will likely be more people to feed. We will definitely need more Club members as well as volunteers to work at the Pancake Day event scheduled April 26, 2014.

Because this is a change from the Club's normal Pancake Day activities, President Hoover wanted the Club membership to be aware of it and to have an opportunity to express their questions, concerns, approval or disapproval to their elected Board representatives before they make a final decision. The Board will meet Thursday, December 19th to further consider this matter. ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Calendar

- January 7th – Club Satellite Meeting 6:00pm – Mezamiz Coffee Shop
- January 14th— Division Council Meeting at 6:00pm, Al's Mesquite Grill
- January 16th – Board Meeting 12:00 noon – Bogie's Sandwich shop



David Stoval, Greg Rake, and Mark Young presented Jerry Carter with a plaque in appreciation for his service to the Boys and Girls Club of Abilene.

SPIRITUAL AIMS THOUGHT TO PONDER

By Mark Hoover

A Christmas Holiday Blessing

May you be blessed with all things good.

May your joys, like the stars at night, be too numerous to count.

May your victories be more abundant than all the grains of sand on all the beaches on all the oceans in all the world.

May lack and struggle only serve to make you stronger.

May beauty, order, and abundance be your constant companions.

May we all come to live in a world where everyone is blessed by the presence of everyone else...and

May we all come to know just how beautiful such a world can be.

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