

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Mark Hoover conducted the meeting.



Don Scargall led the singing.



Donna Kleman presented the program.



Donna K. King was in the spirit of the season.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
Weekly Meeting
December 18th, 2013
Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Mark Hoover
Prayer.....	Glyn Hammons
Music.....	Don Scargall
Piano.....	Tim Adcock
Pledge.....	Roy Cloud
Guests.....	Lora Lynn Christensen
Cup Money.....	\$29.25
Brag Money.....	\$14.00

In our prayers

Remember to pray for Joan, wife of George Knight, and Marilyn, wife of Jeff Goodin.
 Karen, wife of John Snapp had heart surgery on Tuesday December 17th.
 Jud Powell's wife Linda is not doing well.
 Remember Will Smith and family. Will's cousin passed away recently.
 Gordon Dowell's daughter in law is progressing downward. Remember this family.
 Continue to remember: James Shields, Jarrell Young, Van Boozer, A.C. Johnson and Bill Zavatson

Guests

Guest.....Member
 Kristy Leavenworth.....Russell Leavenworth
 Ann ScargallDon Scargall
 Brent HaysFaye Dodson
 Cameo Harvey from Greater Abilene Club

Program

President Mark Hoover introduced the program on December 18th.
 Don Scargall accompanied by Tim Adcock blessed us with a beautiful spiritual song named "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" and another lovely piece titled "Jesus Bambino".
 In addition, Chaplin Donna Clemmons shared the Spiritual Aims message. Donna currently Chaplin for the Taylor County Sherriff's office and the Texas Department of Public Safety. She is always on call and she really doesn't know the word "no". She came to share thoughts on Christmas and the Reason for the Season. Donna introduced her Captain, Captain Don Farber, and Regional Commander for Region 5. She shared that Christmas is the incarnation of God in Christ and Advent is the preparation time before this great feast so that we can ready ourselves to live



Russell Berry and Curtis Blackburn enjoying the fellowship.

out a kind of deliberate emptiness and to be open to grace and a future created by God rather than ourselves. We rarely see or hear that message as society readies itself for Christmas. What are we missing? What are we not getting? We should be alert to the coming of Christ into our lives. So many live largely in survival mode instead of resting or understanding they can live in peace. We have the opportunity to live in that deeper awareness which helps us grow spiritually. She closed with words from a poem by Henry Van Dike

"...are you willing to forget what you have done for other people and to remember what other people have done for you?....What are you going to give for others?"

Stay thirsty my friends for what matters, stay thirsty!

President Hoover thanked Donna, Don and Tim for their message and shared we would make a donation in their honor to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation to help provide scholarships for students.

He closed with the following: "Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love. May each of you have a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year".

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Project Eliminate

Money container at registration desk. Donations received from October 1st to December 31st thru the money container totaled \$25.22. You make a difference!

From the Mail Bag

"Dear Kiwanians,

Thank you for your donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in memory of our father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Henry McGinty. He truly loved Kiwanis and everything it stood for. He enjoyed working with you all on all the different projects. You were his second family, and he loved you dearly.

Thank you again,

Sincerely,

*Happy Collins and family
Ruth Thompson and family"*

Calendar

- **January 8th – First Meeting of 2014!**
- 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
- Other important dates for your calendar:
- Mid-Winter Conference: February 7-8, 2014 at the DFW Marriot
- TX/OK District Convention: August 7-10, 2014 in Midwest City, OK 73140
- Their website is: www.heartland2014.com
- International Convention 2014: July 17-20, 2014 in Chiaba, Japan
- International Convention 2015: June 25-28, 2015 in Indiana. This
- Convention will be the Kiwanis 100th year anniversary

Kiwanis Throught Years: 1990

- The new officers were inducted on October 4. Nancy Miller was inducted as the first woman Board Member.
- Cindy Burleson and Donna Bennett gave excellent leadership to the Club's participation in the Gatlin Brothers Southwest Seniors Classic at Fairway Oaks. There were 369 people who pulled 6 hour shifts and 179 were from our club. Cindy and Donna received a \$10,000 check on behalf of the club for this community project.
- The Club donated \$1,000 to the Cooper Cougars Band trip to the Rose Bowl where they have been invited to play in the New Year's Day Tournament of Roses Parade.
- The Key Club at Cooper High is active again this year. Rene Clark, daughter of our John Clark, is one of the leaders.
- Club membership was at 298 on Nov. 29, 1989.

- Total pledges for the Heart Association Turkey Walk coordinated by Russell Berry was \$827.50.
- We are honoring 4 youths each month as being the Youth of the Month from the Abilene Boys Club.
- Founder's Day was celebrated with Garold W. Johnson, District Secretary, as our speaker. Our club is 69 years old.
- February 12 is the date of the Valentine's Banquet. Keith Garner was the recipient of the Kiwanian of the Year Award.
- Again the club is supporting with \$400 the project Graduation which is designed to help kids celebrate graduation without any trouble.
- The 1990 Pancake Supper ticket sales Kick-off was on Mar. 7. The sales theme is centered around baseball. David Bacon is sales chairman and Wes Speights is all the teams score keeper. Marcus Anderson was top ticket seller.
- Caroline Reeves was chosen from 35 applicants to fill the position of Administrative Secretary. She is replacing Debby Loving who is moving to Dallas after she graduates from ACU. Debbie graduates Magna Cum Laude on May 5.
- Children's Miracle Network Telethon received \$1,000 from the club on KTAB. President John Dunn made the presentation.
- The Annual Kiwanis International Convention was held in St. Louis, MO June 24-28. Members attending from our club were Mike Singleton, Roy Coffman, Nancy Miller, Garnet Gracy, and Bailey Choate.
- The club did not meet on July 4, because of the holiday, and the costs of the meals that would have been paid for by the club were donated to Meals on Wheels. It amounted to \$1,000.



Brent Hays, a member of the Denton club was a guest



Cameo Harvey, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene

SPIRITUAL AIMS THOUGHT TO PONDER

By Mark Hoover

Weekly Verse

"There is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live."—1 Corinthians 8:6

Weekly Quote

"Christ is the desire of nations, the joy of angels, the delight of the Father. What solace then must that soul be filled with, that has the possession of Him to all eternity!"—John Bunyan

Weekly Thought

December is a month that draws our attention back to Christ. We are reminded that Christ was with God the Father from the very beginning of eternity (John 1:1); that His appearance as Savior and Redeemer has been anticipated and prophesied for centuries (Isaiah 9:6-7); that His birth as the Baby Jesus has brought salvation to the world and to each one of us (John 3:16-17). This is a good thing. When we keep our eyes on Christ we are able to handle any

challenge, any disappointment, any heartache with an incredible sense of grace and peace. Jesus said of Himself: "I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself" (John 12:32).

Because the scenery and images are so different, we usually think of Christmas and Easter as two very separate events. After all, one observance is about a birth and the other about a death. But in the divine picture of life, the birth of Jesus is woven together with the death and resurrection. All are acts of grace from God.

No matter what life holds for you right now, whether peaceful and easy or rigorous and stressful, there is still only one true Source for experiencing the life God has planned for us: Jesus Christ. Focus on Him today.

Lord Jesus, I am so glad I know You. In the coming new year, help me focus on You. Amen.

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