



Cathy Ashby: Building Blocks for A Good Life Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, January 8th



“Everyone deserves opportunities to have a good life: a quality education that leads to a stable job, enough income to support a family through retirement, and good health” proclaims the website for the United Way of Abilene. Dr. Cathy Ashby, President and Chief Executive Officer of the United Way of Abilene since July of 2013 will be our guest speaker this week as she shares with us how the United Way focuses on the building blocks for a good life through:

- Education – Helping Children and Youth Achieve Their Potential
- Income – Promoting Financial Stability and Independence
- Health – Improving People’s Health

It takes everyone in the community working together to create a brighter future. Give. Advocate. Volunteer. LIVE UNITED.

Dr. Cathy Ashby was selected as President and CEO of United Way Abilene in May of 2013 and began work in July 2013. Previously she had been in public education for nearly 3 decades and served in Abilene ISD for 25 years. Her last position was Associate Superintendent which she served for 14 years in Abilene and Caldwell ISD’s.

She has a Bachelor’s degree from Hardin-Simmons, a Master’s degree from ACU, and a doctorate degree from Texas Tech University.

Her husband of 31 years is Philip Ashby who serves as Director of Communications for AISD. She has two children, Jay Ashby who is an associate principal at Cooper High School and Carly Beth who is a graduate of Texas Tech University.

She has many years of volunteer work in Abilene and currently serves on the Board of Directors for Hendrick Health Systems and the Serenity House.

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In our prayers

Remember to pray for Jud Powell's wife Linda.

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.

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

Remember Will Smith and his family. Will's cousin passed away recently.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Project Eliminate

Money container at registration desk. Please contribute, you make a difference!

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**

Other Important Dates:

- 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

Committee Highlight

Glyn Hammons, Chair of the See by Three Committee reported the following for 2013.

The committee completed all See by Three screenings in November. There are many hard workers who deserve a big THANK YOU for their work this year. The committee did eye screenings on a total of 114 children at 6 locations. A total of 99 passed the tests, 6 were referred for further testing and 9 will need to be rescreened next year.

A total of 13 different volunteers helped with the screenings and most worked multiple times to cover the 31 times volunteers were needed. In ad-



Jerry Carter registers children for See-by-Three testing.

dition to our club members 2 from other clubs and 3 non-Kiwanians helped. As you can see from these numbers this is a huge effort. Everyone who worked any of the 97 hours required to do this job is greatly appreciated.

A special thanks to our team leaders, Lora Lynn Christensen and Dianne Martin for their dedication to the See by Three Program.

Glyn would like to thank the entire club for your continued support for this program since it started in 2001.

Pancake Day 2014 Board Decision

The Board met on Thursday, December 19th and further reviewed the Pancake Day 2014 proposal. The proposal was to provide pancakes free of charge to the community on this our 65th year of doing Pancake Day as a way of saying thank you for Abilene's many years of support to our organization that has helped us provide money and support to many organizations in the community that work with children and others. The idea was to ask foundations to make up the money loss by making gifts or grants to us. Letters were sent at the beginning of December requesting donations. We also briefed you, the membership, on the proposal and asked for your feedback.

A number of you did respond either verbally or in writing. To those of you who did so, the Board thanks you. Your comments were sincere, thoughtful, and focused on what you saw as what would be best for the our club and its tradition with Pancake Day. The Board reviewed and discussed those comments. The Board also noted that to date, there have

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been no responses received from any of the foundations that we sent letters to asking for their support.

After much discussion, the Board voted to not approve the free Pancake Day at this time. There were still too many unknowns and unanswered questions to make an informed decision to move forward with it, and time was running out. This year's Pancake Day event is set for April 26th. The Board did note that the idea continues to have merit but needs more time for development and support in order to make it successful. The Board expressed its appreciation to Dennis Laster for thinking of the concept and desire to find a way to say thank you to the Abilene community for all the support it has provided over the years.

Club Satellite

Club Satellite will meet this Tuesday at Mezamiz. The meeting will start at 6pm, speaker TBA. Please feel free to join the group!

Kiwanis Through Years: 2005

- President Gordon Dowell presented his vision for the 2005-2006 Kiwanis year. The motto is "Changing the World One Child and One Community at a Time" and the theme of his presidency is "It is a time for renewal." This year is our club's 85th anniversary. Gordon challenged the club to bring in 25 new members during the year.
- Jerry Harris presented a check to Kerry Fortune, President of Ben Richey Boy's ranch, in the amount of \$1000. What a great way to start a new year.
- Jamie Breed, Executive Director for Harmony Family Services, was inducted. Welcome Jamie!
- Past President Bill and President Elect Margaret Hoogstra celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!
- Briarstone raised the price of our meals, but the increase was not passed along to the members. Meals for guests was raised to \$8.50.
- Jack Harkins reported that Past President Bill Hoogstra has been bidding on the barbecue grill at the Pancake Day Silent Auction for two years, but has failed to win the bidding war. Today, to Bill's surprise, the club presented him with a gift of a barbecue grill!
- Kiwanians joined together on October 28 before the Abilene High - Cooper High football game for a tailgate party. Hamburgers, chips,

and soft drinks were enjoyed by all in a fund raising event for Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

- Pam McGrew presented a check to Betty Bradley of Meals on Wheels for \$2500, Sherri Statler of Christian Homes accepted a check for \$1,000 and Carl Cook of Oak Haven accepted a check for Oak Haven.
- Roy Dent presented the Ruby K 5 pin to Lu-Genie Lewis for recruiting five new members into the club.
- Bill Hoogstra reported that the 3rd Annual Tailgate Party was a huge success. There were 1100 meals served and \$4000 was raised to benefit Boys & Girls Club and Big Brothers & Big Sisters. The recent Hole in One contest raised \$11,000. Most of the funds will go to support Camp Courage.
- 85th Birthday Celebration! President Dowell welcomed about 125 members who attended our lunchtime celebration on February 8, 2006. Ken Poynor led the group in roaring loud rendition of HAPPY BIRTHDAY. Henry McGinty gave a brief history of the club and recognized members who have long years of service. He was the last one recognized for his 55 years of service. Dr. H. Bedford Furr shared a poem which he had written for the occasion. Mayor Norm Archibald offered his congratulations and read an official proclamation.



Lora Lynn working with a child on recognizing shapes during See-by-Three testing.

SPIRITUAL AIMS THOUGHT TO PONDER

By Mark Hoover

Weekly Verse

"The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love."—Galatians 5:6

Weekly Quote

"Love is an attribute of God. To love others is evidence of a genuine faith."—Kay Arthur

Weekly Thought

A Classic Devotional from Martin Luther

He who does not firmly believe in God's grace assuredly will not extend kindness to his neighbor, but will be tardy and indifferent in aiding him. In propor-

ness and industry in helping his neighbor. Thus faith incites love, and love increases faith.

All Christian doctrines and works, all Christian living, is briefly, clearly and completely comprehended in these two principles, faith and love. They place man as a medium between God and his neighbor, to receive from above and distribute below. Thus the Christian becomes a vessel, or rather a channel, through which the fountain of divine blessings continuously flows to other individuals.

God, please fill me with Your love and increase my faith in You. Amen.

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