



Joann Bennett: Recycling Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, April 16th



Joann Bennett will present an informative program for us this week on recycling. Joann retired from Federal Civil Service in May 2006 with 32 years of service. As the spouse of an active duty military member, she moved frequently during her earlier career with the federal government. When her husband retired in 1991, Joann went to work for the U.S. Dept. of Education in Dallas for one year and then moved to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in Dallas where she worked until her retirement in 2006. While working at EPA, Joann passed the Professional Secretaries International test, took classes and earned a Paralegal Certificate, spending the last four years at EPA as the Executive Assistant to the Regional Administrator of the Region 6 office in Dallas. After retirement from Federal Service as a GS-12, Joann moved to Abilene, took real estate classes, passed the state test, and earned her real estate license.



Felicia Hopkins presented an inspiring program!



Amos Davis was a guest of Marty Anderson.



Becky Spargo was a guest of Faye Dodson.



Joe Kimball was a guest of Kelly Jones.



Great to see Kirby Leeson this week.



We were happy to have Nancy Miller back this week!

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
Weekly Meeting
April 9th, 2014
Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Mark Hoover
Prayer.....	Mark Hoover
Music.....	Randy Williams
Piano.....	Tim Adcock
Pledge.....	Ken Poynor
Guests.....	Clint Nix
Cup Money.....	\$42.37

In our prayers

Remember to pray for Zach Briley, Joan, wife of George Knight, and Marilyn, wife of Jeff Goodin.
 Continue to remember: Edith Smith, James Shields, Jarrell Young, and Bill Zavatson
 Praise that Nancy Miller was back with us on April 9th and doing well
 Former member Jerry Harris had surgery recently. Keep him in your prayers.
 Remember the men and women who serve to protect our freedom including 1st responders.
 Reflect on the love of Jesus. Remember the ultimate price paid for us.
HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Guests

Guest.....	Member Nancy Brock.....	Price Brock
Joe Kimball	Kelly Jones	
Becky Spargo	Faye Dodson	
Toby Dagenhart	Bill Hoogstra	
Amos Davis	Marty Anderson	
James Floyd	John Snapp	
Nelson Wilson from Greater Abilene Club		

Program

President Mark Hoover introduced Rev. Felicia Hopkins, Senior Pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church, as the speaker on April 9th. Among all of her life experiences she communicated she was most proud of her 2 sons, described by Rev Hopkins as "2 beats of her heart". She spoke on the topic of "The Land of In-between". It's sometimes how you feel when things seem to be falling apart. What do you do when you feel you are in that land of in-between? She shared how 9-11 changed her life forever. She

became a trauma chaplain for Iraqi Freedom leaving her 5 and 7 year old with her mom not knowing when she would return home. She became the bearer of hope to wounded combat troops, telling them that they are not alone and that this too shall pass. She learned to keep hope alive for them and for herself. Inside us there is power to do what we have to do. There is courage and integrity inside all of us! It is important that we "don't quit" and to "be grateful". Express that gratefulness to others. She closed by encouraging us to believe in ourselves, reminding us that someone bigger than us believes in us. It is important to "go the distance!"

President Mark Hoover thanked Rev Hopkins for the great program and communicated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in her honor to help fund scholarships for students.

Closing Quote: from Helen Keller, "Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experiences of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired, and success achieved." Take what you learned today from Felicia and others and go out and be Kiwanians.



NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Marty Anderson presented Julie Wagner, Branch Manager for 1st Federal Credit Union. Julie is married to James. She has two children and some precious grandchildren. She is involved in the community with several organizations including, but not limited to, Meals on Wheels and Jr. Achievement. Julie has already volunteered to help with SILENT AUCTION! Welcome Julie!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PANCAKE DAY REPORT – WEEK 5

1st place team – Casablanca.....\$1,301.00
2nd place team – Gone With The Wind.....\$815.00
3rd place team – True Grit.....\$640.00
Total Week Five.....\$2,756.00
Ticket Sales to Date.....\$14,651.00

Top Sales Jerry Carter with Casablanca at \$610.00,
SELL TICKETS FOLKS! This is important! Last year
at week 5 we were at \$19,530.00. We are behind by
\$4,879.00 Bring in those Ticket Sales! We have two
weeks remaining to the BIG DAY!

SILENT AUCTION

Items and donations are needed. Contact Marty Anderson to learn how you can help. A quote from Marty: "We Need Your Stuff!" Marty thanked those who have brought in items. Folks the Silent Auction is a big part of Pancake Day. President Hoover stressed the importance of helping with this important part of Pancake Day. Please do your part to make it a success! It's about helping the children and our community!

Lay Person of the Year

Nominations are needed as soon as possible. Please get those in to President Mark Hoover.

Appreciation to Disability Resources (DRI)

President Mark Hoover shared that the DRI stepped up to wrap utensils for Pancake Day on very short notice when Goodwill notified us they would not be able to help us out this year. You may have seen the photo and editorial in the Abilene Reporter News. The folks did a great job. Becky Moody from DRI sent a wonderful thank you note for allowing them to assist and also an invitation to their home tour scheduled for April 24th, from 2 to 3 pm. Let Jamie Breed or the DRI folks if you are interested in participating in the tour.

HIXSON RECIPIENTS

Please wear your Hixson award to the April 16th meeting. Lt. Governor Will Smith has something special to share that day and requests you come dressed in your blues for this special time and wear your awards.



Randy Williams was presented with the Distinguished President pin for 2012-2013 and Faye Dodson with the Distinguished Secretary pin.

Past Lt. Governor Kelly Jones made presentations to Randy Williams and Faye Dodson. They were recognized as Distinguished Club President and Distinguished Secretary for 2012-2013. Randy and Faye received pins and a patch for the club banner. Kelly shared portions of a letter from Kiwanis International President, Tom DeJulio as follows: "Thank you for reflecting the high standard of excellence achieved this past Kiwanis year. I know you will work even harder in 2013-14 to grow your club membership so that you can perform more service that holds the key for "Our Children, Their Future."

Calendar

- April 17 – Board Meeting, Bogies Sandwich Shop 12:00 noon
- April 26 – PANCAKE DAY – 2014
- May 6 – Club Satellite Meeting, Mezamiz Coffee Shop, 6:00pm
- May 13 - Division Council Meeting at 6:00pm, Al's Mesquite Grill
- June 5 –Division 35 Annual Pray Breakfast – Bobbie Wolfe's, 24 Avenida de Silva

Other Important Dates for Division 35 and Kiwanis International:

- 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!

SPIRITUAL AIMS

Weekly Verse

"The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned."

—1 Corinthians 2:14

Weekly Quote

"The point of having an open mind, like having an open mouth, is to close it on something solid."

—G. K. Chesterton

Weekly Thought

This is the special work of the Holy Ghost, to give to us a new spiritual vision and organ of apprehension; so that the soul directly perceives divine things and realities. Perhaps the first effect of this divine il-

By Mark Hoover

lumination is that the things of God become intensely real, and stand out with vividness and distinctness, like figures cut in relief on the wall.

The person of Christ, the light of His countenance, the distinct sweetness of His Spirit, the "peace that passeth all understanding," the joy of the Lord, the heavenly world, all become to the heart more actual and intensely vivid than the things we see with our outward eyes, and touch with our human hands; so that we can say of Christ with the apostle, "That which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled of the Word of Life."

Lord, We pray that You would enlighten our understanding and help us see You more clearly. Amen.

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Marty Anderson	Brice West
Ashley Larry	Edith Smth

PANCAKE SONG

We will sing this each week to celebrate the annual Pancake Day event:

PANCAKE SONG TUNE – SCHOOL DAYS

BY Mrs. Joe Smith – 1957

Pancakes Pancakes

Good old golden pancakes

Bacon and syrup and butter too

Will more than delight each one of you

Now it is dear old pancake time

When all the folks will stand in line

There's music and fun and a real good time

As we all on pancakes will dine