

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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Ken Becker: Vice-Chair of the West Texas Energy Consortium Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, April 30th



Next week we will hear about the West Texas Energy Consortium from its Vice-Chair Ken Becker. Ken was born in Auburn, Indiana and graduated from Northwood High School in Nappanee, Indiana. He and his wife Carla moved to Texas in 1982 and have two daughters; Jennifer Ann Rosas, 31, and Erin Michelle Gomez, 28. He also has four beautiful granddaughters Faith (7), Sydnee (5), Grace (3) and Morgan (15) and one grandson Justen (13).

After moving to Texas and starting his own construction company, Ken held positions as the Executive Vice President of the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce and the CVB, Director of Training at TSTC – West Texas’s Sweetwater Campus, Associate Vice President of TSTC – West Texas’s Brownwood Campus, and currently is the Executive Director of the Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development, Inc.

Ken has been active in the communities of Sweetwater and Brownwood where he has served on several local, regional and statewide boards such as Chair of the TMCN, Texas Forts Trail, Big Country RC&D, and Workforce Solutions of WCT. He currently serves as Chair of The High Ground of Texas, Vice-Chair of the West Texas Energy Consortium, Vice-Chair of the NWT SBDC Advisory Council, Board member of the Texas Economic Develop Council and serves as the Economic Development rep for Workforce Solutions of WCT. He is an active member in the Sweetwater First United Methodist Church where he is a Certified Lay Speaker and enjoys spending time with his family, volunteering in the community, and dabbles with woodworking and construction.



Clinton Nix led the opening prayer.



Gary Poynor introduced our guests.



Earl Williams gave a gum ball report.



Carl Lockett made an appeal for help with the Silent Auction.



Victoria Spangler presented the program.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
Weekly Meeting
April 23rd, 2014
Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Mark Hoover
Prayer.....	Clint Nix
Music.....	Randy Williams
Piano.....	Tim Adcock
Pledge.....	Guy Lucas
Guests.....	Gary Poynor
Cup Money.....	\$42.73

In our prayers

Pray for Marty Anderson as she recovers from hip replacement surgery. Marty is doing well in rehab and hopefully will go home this week.

Remember to pray for Joan, wife of George Knight, and Marilyn, wife of Jeff Goodin.

Continue to remember: Edith Smith, James Shields, Jarrell Young, and Bill Zavatson

Remember the men and women who serve to protect our freedom including 1st responders.

Guests

Guest..... Member
 James Floyd..... John Snapp
 Allison Causey..... Margaret Hoogstra
 From Greater Abilene Club (left to right): Gary Jay , Gail Jay, Bob Hale, Bobbi Bieberly and Nelson Wilson



Program

Lora Lynn Christensen introduced Victoria Spangler, Director of Young Audiences of Abilene Arts for Learning as the program on April 23, 2014. Victoria shared how Young Audiences began in Abilene and the benefits to children. The organization is part of the Abilene Cultural Arts Council. Children experience the art form, they understand and create different art forms, and they connect the learning to other areas of study. She communicated the goal is helping children learn the many different types of art and their impact.

President Hoover thanked Victoria for coming and sharing this invaluable information and communi-



Allison Causey was a guest of Margaret Hoogstra.

cated we would make a donation to our foundation in her honor.

Closing Quote:

“Patience, perseverance, and perspiration make an unbeatable combination for success.” Bring all three of those traits with you Saturday, Kiwanians, and make our Pancake Day the best ever!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PANCAKE DAY REPORT – WEEK 7

1st place team – Gone With The Wind.....	\$2,660.00
2nd place team – True Grit.....	\$1,460.00
3rd place team –Casablanca.....	\$655.00
4th place team –Little Rascals.....	\$120.00
Total Week Seven.....	\$5,075.00

Ticket Sales to Date.....\$24,526.00

Pre ticket Sales 2013 (5 weeks).....\$22,718.00

We surpassed 2013 by \$1,808.00

Thank you for your EFFORTS!

Top Sales for the week

1st place Jack Rentz with Gone With the Wind at \$2,100.00

2nd place Jamie Breed with True Grit \$440.00

3rd place Russell Berry with True Grit \$425.00

Student Recognition

Student Recognition meetings coming up in May.

Signup sheets for meal sponsors will be available on Wednesday, April 30th.

GUMBALL REPORT

Earl Williams presented a check in the amount of \$303.24 for the month of March.

\$260,770.56 Total

CALENDAR

- May 6 – Club Satellite Meeting, Mezamiz Coffee Shop, 6:00pm
- May 13 - Division Council Meeting at 6:00pm, Al's Mesquite Grill
- May 15 – Board Meeting, Bogies Sandwich Shop 12:00 noon
- 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!



James Floyd was a guest of John Snapp.

Kiwanis Through the Years: 1983

- The new year started off with an Installation Banquet and Ladies Night at Briarstone Manor. Bedford Furr was the presiding officer. Lt. Gov. John Graham a member of South Abilene Club installed the officers and directors. Legion of Honor Awards were presented to 6 Kiwanians and Kirby Leeson was the Kiwanian of the Year honoree. The Kiwanis Club was asked to furnish personnel to handle parking at the LaJet Golf Classic at Fairway Oaks. Mel Coltharp, Henry McGinty and Jerome Vannoy served as Co-Chairmen. They used Henry's travel trailer complete with telephone as headquarters. A total of 90 Kiwanians donated in excess of 750 man hours. We were able to man the parking lot with 3 shifts of Kiwanians for the five day period. The club received \$1546 which was placed in the community service fund.
- Beginning the first of this Kiwanis year the Kiwanigram did not have the advertising section as part of it.
- Beginning Friday, October 29, 1982 the Kiwanis Club of Abilene began volunteer work with Meals on Wheels. The Club has been assigned Route 23 which covers the Northeast and East Abilene. Steve Hughes has volunteered to be the Project Coordinator. Bedford Furr and Jim Jennings are the first to volunteer for this service.
- Jim Jennings, Chairman of the Goodfellow Committee, presented a \$400 check to John Price and David Webb, Abilene Goodfellows Chairmen. It has been the custom for several years for our club to be the first donor to the Goodfellows.
- Sixteen Kiwanians and 6 Kiwaniqueens came and helped write script for the Goodfellows at the First Baptist Church.
- We gave \$1000 for Special Olympics and \$1300 to Girls Home.
- President Ron writes a column in the Kiwanigram in which he comments about the activities of the various committees and Kiwanians. He is recognizing a Kiwanian of the Week in each of his Keener's Komments column.
- The Club continues to support and provide equipment for the School Safety Patrols.
- The three Vice Presidents are responsible for organizing the Ladies Nite Banquet on February 15. There was a Valentine atmosphere throughout the evening. John Stevens was the speaker who brought a humorous comments on "Time".
- Bedford Furr, General Chairman of the Pancake Supper, has named Clive Pierce as the Ticket Sales Chairman. The date is Mar. 9. Tickets are \$2.50. Clive Pierce sold \$2430 worth. The supper went off in great style at the coliseum. Gross receipts: \$19,070.50. Net: \$13,858.50. Walter Pfeifer developed a supper slide show.
- The Club presented a check for \$1500 to help purchase the old fire station on South 7th Street for the Day Care Center for the Elderly and a check for \$1000 to Hospice of Abilene.
- Several Kiwanians went to Austin to participate in the Grant Jones Governor for a Day.
- Member Round Up Day. Chet Ferguson, District Membership Chairman was the speaker.

SPIRITUAL AIMS

Weekly Verse

*"I call on you, O God, for you will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer."
—Psalm 17:6*

Weekly Quote

*"Prayer keeps us in constant communion with God, which is the goal of our entire believing lives."
—Beth Moore*

Weekly Thought

Stop a moment and think. Is it not often the case, when men and women stand up to pray in public, or kneel down to pray in private, that they are thinking far more of what they are asking for than they are of the great God who made heaven and earth, and who has all power? Is it not often the case that in our

By Mark Hoover

prayers our thoughts are wandering off everywhere? We take the name of God on our lips, but there is no real conscious approach to God in our hearts.

If there is to be any power in our prayer, if our prayer is to get anything, the first thing to be sure of when we pray is that we really have come into the presence of God, and are really speaking to Him. Oh, let those two words, "to God," "to God," "to God," sink deep into our hearts; and from this time on never pray, never utter one syllable of prayer, until you are sure that you have come into the presence of God and are really talking to Him.

Father God, it is a privilege to come into Your presence. Give us a reverence for You as we sit down to pray. Amen.

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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. Walk the Talk!

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Randy Williams - Immediate Past President
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Ken Poynor - Vice President
Kelly Jones - Vice President
Marion "Lew" Lewis - Vice President
Tim Adcock - Treasurer
Faye Dodson - Secretary
Kimberley Cole - Foundation Advisor

2013-2014 DIRECTORS

Two Year:	One Year:
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John Snapp	John Ruiz
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