

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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CHARLES BISHOP: GIFT IDEAS FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, December 10th



This week promises to be another exciting Christmas program with a presentation by WalMart store manager Charles Bishop and his crew. They will inform us of the hot-selling items this year and have lots of gift ideas for those on your Christmas list. And through it all, they will be giving away some items to those in attendance. You don't want to miss it!



Earl Williams presented the Gumball Machine report.



Randy Williams presented the program.



Don Scargall began the program singing "All Is Well."



John Hewitt sang an a cappella rendition of "Scarlet Ribbons."



Lora Lynn Christensen and Tim Adcock played a Christmas Medley piano duet.



David Jones and Faye Dodson sang a lovely duet.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
 Weekly Meeting
 December 3rd, 2014
 Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Jamie Breed
Prayer.....	Bill Hoogstra
Music.....	Jamie Breed
Piano.....	Tim Adcock
Pledge.....	Ken Poyner
Guests.....	Gary Poyner
Cup Money.....	\$43.31
Brag Money(Roy Cloud).....	\$10.00

In our prayers

Continue to pray for Marty Anderson.
 Remember Dub Pritchett, John Landry, and Edith Smith in prayer.
 Remember Joan, wife of George Knight and Marilyn, wife of Jeff Goodin.
 Remember Donna King as she continues to have medical testing.

Guests

Guest.....	Member
Ellen Jones	Kelly Jones
Mary Ann Martin.....	Melvin Martin

Program

Randy Williams served as MC for the special Christmas Program on December 3rd. We were blessed with beautiful Christmas music presented by fellow Kiwanians.

Don Scargall opened the program with a song that has become a tradition for us, "All Is Well" and performed it beautifully as always.

Lora Lynn Christensen and Tim Adcock played a delightful Christmas medley on the piano. Tunes included "Jolly Merry Christmas", "Winter Wonderland" and "Let It Snow".

John Hewitt from Club Satellite sang "Scarlet Ribbons", which was a popular song from 1957. Wow John! That was beautiful!

Randy Williams raised his voice with a Blake Shelton song titled "Let Me Go Home."

Faye Dodson and Jamie Breed accompanied by Lora Lynn Christiansen sang "Breath of Heaven" then, Faye joined David Jones in a beautiful song written by David titled "Star of Bethlehem".

David Jones closed the program with a fun rendition of "The Twelve Days of Texas Christmas". You just had to be there for this group participation song. That group singing the "Five Oil Wells" and the

ELIMINATE
 maternal/neonatal tetanus



Model Club Goal: \$71,250
Percent of Goal Met: 30.8%
Contributions: \$ 21,956.60
Zeller Fellows: 7
Pledged Zellers: 13
Model Club Members: 2
Number of lives saved: 12,198 @ \$1.80 per shot series

"Wrangler Blue Jeans" group were something! Let's just say, everyone got better along the way! It was fun and a song to remember.

David Jones led the group in "Silent Night" to close out the program.

This really was a wonderful program and a great way to begin the Christmas Season.

MERRY CHRISTMAS KIWANIANS!
 KIWANIANS: LOVE IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club Satellite

Make plans to attend the Christmas Party with Club Satellite members on Thursday December 11th. The fun will begin at 6:00 at the Clinton Street Boys and Girls Club (1301 Clinton Street). Bring a covered dish and come join the fun. The club is sponsoring several children from the Salvation Army Angel Tree. \$85.00 was donated by club members at the December 3rd meeting. Thank you Kiwanians for your generous hearts. Contact Amanda Wiskow at Amanda.wiskow@abileneisd.org to learn ways you can help.

GUMBALL REPORT

King Earl Williams presented two checks this week.

October monies were: \$433.92

November: \$276.24

Grand Total of \$263,641.60!

Box Tops for Education

Reagan Elementary is collecting box tops for education. Let's help them by bringing those box tops throughout the year.

Pancake Dollars



Charles Ellis, Chairman of the Boys & Girls Committee presented \$500.00 in Pancake Dollars to Cynthia Pearson for Day Nursery of Abilene. Cynthia thanked the club for their continued support and communicated they are adding 3 rooms at the Vine Street location. The funds will help with those rooms which will allow them to serve 45 additional children.

Governor's News

Save the date now for Governor Colleen's visit to the Big Country with Divisions 12, 22 and 35 on Saturday, February 21, 2015 in Abilene, Texas.

To reduce travel expenses, T/O will hold three (3) Mid-Year Conferences in three different cities. Hours are 10 – 2 PM. They are:

- Heartland - Oklahoma City - Saturday 1/17/2015
- Metroplex - DFW Metroplex - Saturday 2/7/2015
- South Texas - San Antonio - Saturday 3/14/2015

TX/OK Convention will be held in Texarkana, TX August 7 thru 9, 2015. Ironically, Texarkana will also celebrate their 100 years anniversary!

CALENDAR

- December 11th – Club Satellite 6:00pm Martinez Boys and Girls Club, 1301 Clinton Street, CHRISTMAS Party. This will be a pot luck meal. Please make plans to attend this fun time.
- CANCELLED MEETINGS: December 24th and December 31st
- December 18, 2015 – Board Meeting – 12:00noon Bogies Sandwich Shop
- February 21, 2015 – Governor's Visit for Divisions 12, 22 and 35 – Abilene
- June 25–28, 2015 – Kiwanis International Convention 100th Anniversary Celebration,

Indianapolis, Indiana

- August 7 – 9th 2015 – Tx/Ok Convention – Texarkana, TX

Kiwanis Through the Years: 1968

- Fifty new song books were distributed to the members as they started out the new year of 1968.
- The Greater Abilene Kiwanis Club had its formal beginning on Dec. 29, 1966 when Lt. Gov. Harold Hodapp installed the 1968 Officers. There were 25 Greater Abilene club members present. This Club was from the disbanded East and West Abilene Kiwanis Clubs together with a number of new charter members.
- As of the first of the year the club has received a total of \$18,768 from the gum ball machines. Program is about 15 years old.
- The club directory is again being put together by Henry McGinty and staff members of Ed Helton's office and the Boy Scout office.
- A fine program was given by Bernice Proctor who filled us in on the program of the new Abilene Girls Home. This is a residential home for girls that is comparable to Boys Ranch and is located on Potosi.
- Lowell Perry gave a program where he presented slides of his two year stay in Brazil.
- There were no Poll Taxes this year and every Kiwanian was urged to get his Voter Certificate.
- The sum of \$500 was presented to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, along with \$50 to the Wylie FFA Chapter, and \$115 to a boy who has a hearing and speech problem for which he needed surgery.
- Pete Tippen is the finance chairman who presented a \$32,000 budget to the board for approval.



Faye and Jamie teamed up on "Breath of Heaven."

SPIRITUAL AIMS

By Randy Williams

One of my all-time favorite Christmas songs is, "Carol of the Bells". This song is not exactly declaring how Christmas is about Jesus but it reminds me how bells carry a message. A school bell says, "It's time to be in the classroom". A Church bell says, "Come to the church building, it's time for services". Sometimes when all the bells ring at the same time they say, "Pay attention, something special has or is going to happen." God has chosen us to be His bell. We are to ring out the good news of His son, Jesus Christ. Now you may not see yourself this way. You may say, "I am not good enough" or "My faith is often too weak" or "I don't know the Bible well enough to quote the scriptures at the drop of the hat". He did not call you to be perfect. But you can show others

how your faith in Him has changed your life. You can sound out how the things you used to worship don't mean anything to you now, now that you know the living God. We Westerners often struggle with the idea of showing our dependence. But He calls you to toll loudly in showing how much you depend on Him. He tells us to let our speech and our life declare His love. If you truly want to "Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time", then you will ring the Good News of your life to everyone around you. So, as you hear the ringing of the bells, remember that it's not just symbolic of "Angels receiving their wings" like in the movie "It's a Wonderful Life", but rather a reminder of just how blessed you truly are.

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Monroe Nevels sponsored by Jamie Breed.



Sara Collins sponsored by Chris Carnohan.



Rod Weeks sponsored by Kelly Jones



New Club Satellite members:

Michael Trook (left) and Kyle Wiskow (right) sponsored by Amanda Wiskow (center).

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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. LOVE IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT!

2014-2015 OFFICERS

Jamie Breed - President
Mark Hoover - Immediate Past President
Christine Curtis-Carr - President-Elect
David Jones - Vice President
Guy Lucas - Vice President
Tim Adcock - Treasurer
Faye Dodson - Secretary
Kimberley Cole - Foundation Advisor

2014-2015 DIRECTORS

Two Year:	One Year:
Roy Dent	Marty Anderson
Charles Ellis	Cynthia Laster
Keith Garner	Gary Poynor
Clinton Nix	John Snapp
	Ashley Larry



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November 18, 2014

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Dearest fellow Kiwanians,

We recently received your generous donation to our club in remembrance of our member Kiwanians who were involved in the fireworks tragedy on July 3, 2014. We graciously acknowledge your kindness and appreciate your thoughts and prayers. We as a club will never be the same, but we are moving forward to continue our service to the children of the world.

We sincerely appreciate your support and continued prayers.

Sincerely yours,

Stan Wilson
President 2014-15

Huwainis Club Members -
As a board member of Meals
on Wheels Plus I want to
personally thank you for your
continuing support this year.
The MOW board is aware of
the many deserving charities
in our community and we are
pleased you consider Meals
on Wheels Plus to be one of them.
Very gratefully, Linda Mitchell

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