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MEALS ON WHEELS BETTY BRADLEY

**Noon, Wednesday, February 25
Abilene Country Club**

Betty Bradley is the Executive Director of **Meals on Wheels Plus**. A native of Colorado, Betty became a resident of Abilene shortly after graduating from Saguache High School. In 1973, she became involved in delivering meals because she wanted her two small children to experience the joy of having elderly friends. At that time Church Women United sponsored Abilene's home delivered meal program.

In 1975, Church Women United turned the program over to a community-based board and Betty was selected to serve as the Executive Director and she has served as the Executive Director of Meals on Wheels Plus, Inc. for the past 34 years. In 1975 there were 85 people enrolled on the program, now almost 1100.

Betty serves as Vice President of State Relations for the Meals on Wheels Association of Texas (MOWAT). In 2007, she was one of the four officers of MOWAT that worked directly with the Texas Legislature to pass HB407, which created a new source of funding for home delivered meal programs in Texas. In Abilene those funds have been used to provide breakfast three days a week for some of the Meals on Wheels clients who live alone.

Betty chairs both the City of Abilene Board of Building Standards and the Administrative Council at Southwest Drive United Methodist Church. Betty is a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Abilene and is a certified Salvation Army Disaster Trainer.

Betty is married to Jim Bradley. Her two children are both married and she has five grandchildren.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 18

President **Russell Berry** presided. **Dennis Laster** led the prayer, **Randy Williams** led the singing. **Millie Braddy** played piano. **Dick Kincaid** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Clay Copeland** introduced our guests.

Lou Briley's Words of Wisdom today: "Kiwansians Live to Give".

John Thomas opened with "**Why are we here?**" Several of our members then shared their stories. **Van Boozer, Zach Briley, Lou Briley, Keith Garner Jamie Breed and John** shared their comments on what Kiwanis membership means to them.

John Thomas concluded the program by asking simply, "**Who is next?**" "Who is the next President? Who is the next Governor? Who is next to help kids – the next generation? Isn't it up to us to show them? Why are we here and who is next?"

What makes us Kiwanians? – What we do!

Russell shared that John will be assuming leadership of the newly formed Aktion Club Committee and that **Guinn Smith** will assume chairmanship of the Membership Committee effective immediately. Guinn then recapped where we were last year in membership with 126 members and today with 112. He shared a story about a successful blind man whose passion for what he did brought success. Guinn stated we must find the passion and rise to the occasion. Bring one new member this year which will equal success. He led us in a charge:

"I CAN AND I WILL!"



Guinn Smith was introduced as the new chairman of the Membership Committee.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for **Kristen Carnohan** and her family. Her father passed away 2/12. Continue to pray for the leaders of our country, state, city and those serving in the military.

Spiritual Aims Message: "The Right Thing"

We often tell our children to do the 'right thing'. Then comes the hard question, "What is the right thing?" The styles and whims of everyday life change with dizzying speed and we find ourselves asking the same question. Hosea concluded his writings with the simple yet overwhelming charge that the 'right thing' was God's way and those who chose to follow God's path would be doing the 'right thing', and those who would not, would fail. *"for the ways of the Lord are right and the upright walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them."* Hosea 14:9



This group of Kiwanians gave "testimony" to what being a member of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene means to them. Pictured from left to right are **Jamie Breed, Zack Briley, Lou Briley, Van Boozer, Keith Garner** and **John Thomas**.

BIRTHDAY'S

March 2	Caroline Lee
March 3	Merle Collins
March 4	John Sharp
March 4	Jarrell Young



Winner of the Travel Voucher worth \$4,000 from Premier Travel Tours, given away at Mid Winter Conference was Ki-notes Editor, Gary Hicks. Proceeds go to the TX/OK Foundation.

INTERCLUBS:

Club of the Key City

Monday, February 16

Russell Berry
Jamie Breed
Keith Garner
Jeff Goodin
Donald McDonald
Dub Pritchett

Club of Downtown Abilene

Tuesday, February 17

Curtis Blackburn
Keith Garner
Donald McDonald
James Shields

This brings our total Interclubs thus far for 2008-2009 to 46, with 82 individual club members participating in at least one interclub. Approximately 75% of our members have participated. Great job and kudos to **Keith Garner** and the committee members for organizing our efforts!

FUTURE PROGRAMS

March 4 – Camp Courage, Club Courage, Nadine Smith
March 11 – Eternal Threads, Linda Egle (India, Thailand & Afghanistan Handbags)
March 18 – Pancake Kickoff, Mark Young



RECENT GUESTS – February 18, 2008

<u>GUEST</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	
Jerry Cox	Gordon Dowell	Jerry is a former member who just moved back to Abilene.
George Woodfin	Greater Abilene	
Vance Cooksey	Greater Abilene	
Lyndel Cook	Greater Abilene	

Cup Money - \$33.06



Brag Basket – \$14.00

NEW MEMBERS

Jud Powell, 11/12/08, Former club President (1988-89)!

Jennifer Kent, 12/3/08, Transfer from Greater Abilene Club

Jimmie Monhollon, 1/28/09, Former member

Kirk Hancock, 1/28/09

Background Checks: Forms are available at each meeting. Every member needs to comply with this new **requirement**. Call **Faye Dodson** with any questions. The goal is to complete this project by 3/1/09! Only 30 remaining members need to submit their form. **Is it you?**

CLUB REMINDERS & NOTES



Chili Day – Greater Abilene Kiwanis Club Chili Day tickets are on sale. Chili Day – 2/28/09.

April 25th is Pancake Day – Only **59** more days!

2009 Texas Farm Ranch Wildlife Expo will be held next week, February 24-25. The annual luncheon will be Wednesday and Kiwanians who attend can receive credit. **Gary Bomar** will provide a list of attendees to Faye, who will bill members for the difference in cost (\$4.40) on their March statement.

Hendrick Children's Hospital Wing

Goal \$50,000

48 MEMBERS PLEDGING TO THE HENDRICK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN

Approximate money pledged to date

Amount collected to date

Amount needed to meet \$50,000 goal



\$19,200.00

\$16,348.12

\$30,800.00



Lora Lynn Christensen was recognized with a "Certificate of Appreciation" from Kiwanis International Foundation for her support on an annual basis of the Kiwanis Children's Fund. This is a Sustaining Donor program that benefits children around the globe by providing critical support toward the principal needs of children in areas where help is needed most. On behalf of our club we say **THANKS** to Lora Lynn for **"living to give"**, and being willing to **"DO SOMETHING"**!!!

SUCCESS STORY: Mr. Duane and the Builders Club members held a discussion on the homeless situation in Abilene. The BC voted to participate in the Empty Bowls Project, where brightly decorated bowls are filled with soup and given to the homeless or those in extreme poverty. Mr. Duane had 8 members go with him on the Saturday of the event and they served soup for 5 hours and had a chance to serve about 200 people.

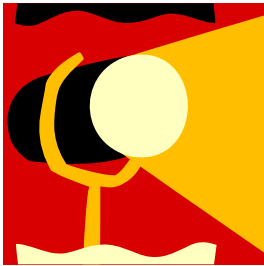
The BC members, who are largely from minority backgrounds, were surprised that the majority of the homeless people were Caucasian. Mr. Duane took this moment to discuss that poverty and homelessness are without prejudice and that statistically the greatest number of people in poverty are Caucasian. The members were so moved by the project they are already planning to participate again in next year's event.

Kiwanis members involved: 14 were involved in the Builders Club during the year.

Service Leadership Program members involved: 5

of Builders Club members involved: 20

Service hours for the year from Kiwanians / Builders Club members in their projects at the Club: 150 hours of planning, 871 hours of serving for **1021 total hours.**



SPOTLIGHT ON THE "PANCAKE" COMMITTEE!

The Pancake Committee is chaired by **Mark Young**. Pancake Day is the primary service project of our club. Every member is on this committee. The overall chairman is the President-Elect, but there are many others who are vital to its successful completion. This is the club's 60th year to hold Pancake Day, so it will be important that we all pitch in. Reserve April 25, 2009 on your personal calendar today!

2008-2009 OFFICERS

Russell Berry	President	Mark Young	President-Elect
Jamie Breed	Vice-President	Ricki Brown	Treasurer/Foundation Treasurer
Randy Williams	Vice President	Faye Dodson	Secretary
Charles Kirkpatrick	Vice President	Henry McGinty	Assistant Secretary
Carl Lockett	Immediate Past-President		

2008-2009 DIRECTORS

TWO YEARS

Ty Purcell Mac Sipe
Shirley Velasco Kelly Jones
Mark Hoover

ONE YEAR

Sharon Jones J.R. Velasco
Jerry Carter John Thomas
Lora Lynn Christensen

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