

# K *The Kiwanis Club of Abilene* KIWANIGRAM



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## CELEBRATION LADIES

**Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, February 8, 2012**

Bring your sweetheart and come celebrate an early Valentine's Day at next week's program featuring the singing group, the Celebration Ladies.

They will be sharing love songs including "When I Fall in Love," "Blue Bayou" and "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree."

The Celebration Ladies are part of the community choir, the Celebration Singers. Accompanied by Lora Lynn Christensen, the ensemble includes Faye Dodson, Janis Thompson, Robin Roberts, Connie Harrod, Jamie Breed and Brenda Overton.

In addition to performing during the Celebration Singers' two annual performances at the Paramount Theater, the Ladies also present programs for various churches and community organizations.

You can catch the next Celebration Singers' Show at the Paramount on Tuesday, May 15th.



**The Celebration Ladies with Billie Martin whose late husband, J.G. Martin, was the founder and original director of the Celebration Singers**



## Walking the Talk

**Kiwanis Shoot Out  
Chairman David Jones  
posing with Miracle Kid  
Chris Pannell.**

**Our club provided \$50,000  
in funds for the "Teen  
Room" at the new Hendrick  
Children's Hospital.**

## Notice of Proposed Dues Increase

The Abilene Country Club has notified our club that the cost of the buffet for our meetings will increase from the present cost of \$8.95 to \$9.95 effective February 1, 2012.

The Board of Directors voted in its regular meeting on January 19 to propose an increase in our monthly dues from \$56 to \$60 to offset this cost increase.

Senior Membership and Associate Membership

dues will be increased from \$24.50 to \$25.50 per month to reflect the increase in the cost of the one meal which is included in the dues. (Any additional meals would cost \$11.00.)

Dues for those members on Leave of Absence would not increase.

The cost of meals for guests will remain at \$10.

In accordance with our bylaws, this matter will be voted on in our regular weekly meeting on February 8, 2012.

**KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE  
‘Walk The Talk’  
Weekly Meeting February 1, 2012  
Hendrick Children’s Hospital**

Hosted Meeting.....Melinda Blay  
(Hendrick Medical Center)

**In our prayers**

- James Cassle
- LuGene Lewis
- Kirby Leeson
- George Knight’s wife, Joan
- Jarrell Young
- Van Boozer
- Leonard Brock
- Bill and Ginger Zavatson
- Henry McGinty

**Guests**

**Guest.....Guest of Member**  
Mary Pritchett ..... Dub Pritchett  
Betty Hammons ..... Glyn Hammons  
Becky Rentz ..... Jack Rentz  
Dan Conner ..... Carl Lockett  
James Cole ..... Kimberley Cole

**The program**

Fifty Kiwanis Club of Abilene members and five guests participated in a tour/luncheon at the new Hendrick Medical Center Children’s Hospital. Talk about a WOW! The facility is fantastic!

Hosts, Melinda Blay, Meagan Clifton, and Dan Curl provided guided tours of the area. It was amazing to see the rooms and details of the facility.

Melinda, Meagan, and Dan expressed their appreciation for the support Kiwanians made to provide a playroom in this new facility for the community.

A video was presented whereby Mayor Norm Archibald and Tim Lancaster, President and CEO of Hendrick Medical Center, thanked us for our support. Mayor Archibald stated “This new facility has Kiwanis fingerprints all over it!” And “hat’s off to you!”

Meagan Clifton accepted “Kiwani Dolls” from Lora Lynn Christensen. The dolls, made by Kiwanis members, will be used by medical staff to help explain medical procedures to children.

Making the dolls is a new project of the Young Children Priority One committee.

It was exciting to hear Meagan explain the doll project. She was very aware of this project which is utilized around the world and excited that this would now be available at Hendrick.



**A tour of Hendrick Children’s Hospital with Megan Clifton.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Now is the time**

Several of our members will be attending the Mid-Winter Conference this coming weekend. They will take all the shoes and socks we have collected for the Governor’s Shoes for Orphan Souls Project. Please bring some to this week’s meeting. More details at [www.shoesfororphansouls.org](http://www.shoesfororphansouls.org).



**Don’t wait til the last minute**

Pancake Day is only 10 weeks away. Go ahead and gather 1, or 2, or 5 or 10 items for the Silent Auction. This part of our annual event brings in a very significant amount of money. And, the total is totally based on the number and quality of items we bring.

**Calendar**

- Feb. 11: Mid-Winter Conference (make plans now to attend)
- Feb. 14: Division Council Meeting
- Feb. 15: Our program will be Abilene Police Chief Stan Standridge giving us insight into Islam
- Feb 16: Board Meeting
- Feb. 22: Our program will be Nancy Estes speaking on Cancer Services Network
- Apr. 28: PANCAKE DAY - Mark your calendar
- Jun. 27-July 1: KI Convention – New Orleans, Louisiana
- Aug. 8-12: Kiwanis District Convention – Killeen

# Walking the Talk for Kids



- Children's Play Room furnished by Kiwanis
- Hendrick presented a plaque to be hung in our office
- Lora Lynn Christensen presented medical dolls to Abbey Wartes, Megan Clifton, and Melinda Blay for use in the hospital
- The Teen Room, provided by our club



**Ron Carroll, David Jones, Ken Poynor, and Nancy Miller selling tickets**



**Miracle Kid Jacie Barber with representatives from the McMurry men's team**

## A quick look at the 15th Annual Basketball ShootOut:

• Total raised at this time: \$5,127.83 with a potential of another \$200 showing up from the HSU T-shirt sales at the game.

- 22 Kiwanians in attendance for the games.
- The Miracle Kids had a great time being honorary captains for the teams.

# SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE

*By Randy Williams*

Sometimes Gaye Lynn and I will be driving down the road listening to music on the radio and, all of a sudden, we both begin to sing along with the music at the exact same time.

We always look at each other and share a “high 5.”

I’m not exactly sure why this happens so often but I suspect that we have influenced one another in many ways over the 31 years of our marriage to the point where we often function the same.

Now some might say this is sufficient cause to lift her up in prayer and I would probably agree with you. There is something significant about familiarity.

How familiar are we with our Father in heaven?

This takes spending time with God through prayer and reading His word. Not just prayer over your meals or asking Him to meet your needs but rather

asking His Holy Spirit to show you “the way.”

Tell God how honored you are to be His child and how deeply you love Him. Getting closer to God should be simple but there is an enemy who will do everything he can to separate you from the Father. Get close to God and, in time, you will hear His voice and see His hand on your life and, perhaps, you’ll start having some of those “high 5” moments with the Spirit of the Lord.

You want to “Change the World, One Child and One Community at a time”?

Psalm 119:105 declares, “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” Through study of the word of God, the Lord is able to speak to us individually. You do these things, and the world will want what they see you have.

## THANKS FROM ...

### Boys & Girls Club of Abilene

Your support helps deserving young people attend a Boys & Girls Club in neighborhoods all over Abilene. At the Clubs, kids have the opportunity to participate in programs that help them realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

On behalf of the hundreds of children we serve daily, thank you again for your generous support. Your dedication and concern for the welfare of Abilene’s young people helps the Boys & Girls Clubs continue to provide a positive place for kids.

### Junior Achievement of Abilene

Thank you for the generous donation in the amount of \$750. Junior Achievement relies entirely on local support to be able to provide programs and services to students in Abilene and the surrounding communities.

In partnership with businesses, foundations, educators and other organizations, Junior Achievement brings the real world to K-12 students, opening their minds to their potential by teaching them about our free enterprise system and financial literacy.

We simply could not do it without you!

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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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