

Kiwanogram

99th Year of Outstanding Community Service in Huntsville



***Next Meeting: December 11 - Jann Holden,
Development Director, The CARE Center***

***Last Meeting: December 4 - Dr. Henry Everitt
discussed the Star of Bethlehem and the timing
of the birth of Jesus***

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

4 DECEMBER MEETING:

- Presiding:** Lee Rhoads
- Song Leader:** Kim Keller
- Greeter:** Phil Crocker
- Invocation:** Lee Jones
- Attendance Prize:** Aelwyn Thomas won \$60
- 50-50 Prize:**
 - Les Miller won \$20
 - Club Admin. Fund - \$20

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.”

Helen Keller

www.brainyquote.com

Dr. Everitt is a Chief Scientist with the Army and an Associate Pastor with the First Methodist Church. Years ago he developed a paper on the exact date of the birth of Christ using information from the Bible and other sources. During the presentation he gave us a rationale



for determining the star was a comet. The logic for the month of birth was the shepherds were watching their sheep in fields which is a spring activity in the Middle East. The Magi were from Parthia (Babylon) and travelled West from their country to reach Nazareth and they arrived about two months after Christ's birth. They were probably following a comet which a man in England traced through Chinese records to 5 BC. The comet was visible for about 3 months as it moved from East to South in the Middle East. The Magi probably filled the comet due to the occurrence of a triple conjunction by the comet (look it up in the reference). Next the assumption Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem for a census is questioned; a more likely scenario is devout Jewish mother would want her child to be born near Jerusalem so they could observe the religious customs (eg circumcision within 8 days) for a newborn male child ordained by God. Since the time frame fell in Passover, Bethlehem was the closest place they could afford or find a place to stay. The case finally narrowed the date of birth to the night of April 14-15 in 5 BC. To really understand the explanation, you need to read the full presentation at <http://webhome.phy.duke.edu/~everitt/StarofBethlehem.pdf>

GOOD WILL: AC Vernor has been battling pneumonia.

GUESTS: Jan Davis attended with Dick Richardson and and Libby Ash (prospect) was sponsored by Miriam Nixon.

11 DECEMBER, 2017 MEETING:

Invocation: Cecil Stokes

Invocation Alternate: Aelwyn Thomas

Greeter: Phil Crocker

December Song Leader: Miriam Nixon

Attendance prize: \$10

Donor: Lee Rhoads

RIF - Last week the team in the pictures below read at Little Linc (Lincoln).



A great Christmas Present - CD's will be available at our meeting Monday night of the Oakwood Adventist Academy choir at \$15. Selections include songs sung at the 2017 Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast. See Aelwyn.

Foundation - Woody Grayson presented a \$1,000 check to Melissa Cissom Reynolds, the Merrimack Hall Executive Director. Merrimack also posted a similar photo on their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/merrimackhall>



CLUB SCHEDULES

Future club meetings will feature:

- *December 11 - Jann Holden, Development Director, The CARE Center*
- *December 18 - Sheriff Blake Dorning*
- *December 25 - No meeting - Merry Christmas!*
- *January 1 - No meeting - Happy New Year!*
- *January 8- Business meeting only - NCAA Championship Game*

Other Kiwanis Events:

- *29 January 2018 - District Governor's visit*