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SGT. VICKERS

Sgt. Vickers is an Abilene native. He's been married to Chrys for 32 years and has two children, Eric (25), who is also a police officer with the Abilene Police Department, and Jennifer (23), who is a second year medical student at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

Kim has been an officer with the Abilene Police Department since 1997. His current assignment is the Division Sergeant for the APD Juvenile Division. Kim serves in several capacities for the Department--Public Information Officer for Critical Incidents, --Critical Missing Response Team and, Webmaster for the APD Internet Web Site. He is recognized nationally as an expert instructor and consultant in the area of Family Violence dynamics and law. In this area he specializes as Instructor for various Universities, Departments, and Academies statewide, --Drafted legislation that is now law, --Testified as expert witness before Texas Senate and House Committees, and Serves on and/or Chairs several statewide committees and boards. His State of Texas service involves serving on two curriculum and testing Committees of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education as well as serving on the Governor's Committee of Statewide Amber Alert System.

Sgt. Vickers is a Master Peace Officer holding Instructor's Certification, Defensive Tactics Instructor and Firearms Instructor Certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. He is Past APD Officer of the Year and Past finalist for Officer of the Year in the State of Texas. He has been a Law Enforcement Instructor since 1985, and his teaching specializations include, Use of Force, Defensive Tactics, Police Firearms, Concealed Hand Gun Law and Multiculturalism/Cultural Diversity.

WHAT A MEETING! June 14, 2006

THE HISTORY OF TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Jerry Peters



Jerry Peters, Associate Vice President for the Abilene Extension of Texas State Technical College and fellow Kiwanian from the North Abilene Kiwanis Club was the guest speaker today. Jerry's topic of discussion was the history of Texas State Technical College.

Texas State Technical College is made up of four colleges, Waco, Marshall, Harlingen and West Texas. The school was founded in 1965 by the Texas Legislature and called James Connally State Institute, an extension of Texas A & M University. There was a demand for technical education prompting growth in the Abilene, Breckenridge, Brownwood, Harlingen, Marshall, Sweetwater, and Waco locations. In 1991 the school was recognized as a college and the name changed to Texas State Technical College. The school is a two year college offering Associate degrees as well as one year Certificates. The school is also a Corporate College, offering businesses training tailored to their specific needs or recertification of their skills.

As of the fall of 2005 there were approximately 11,555 students enrolled, 1539 full time and 293 part time employees for all the campuses. The West Texas Location had approximately 1660 students enrolled, 280 full time and 75 part time employees. An overview of Abilene would note approximately 404 students, 64 full time and 27 part time employees. The main campus in Sweetwater, began in 1970, Abilene then began in 1985, Breckenridge in 1989 and Brownwood in 1991.

The schools Mission Statement: Texas State Technical College System shall contribute to the educational and economic development of the State of Texas by offering highly specialized advanced and emerging technical and vocational areas for certificates or associate degrees.

Jerry provided us with information about the different courses offered which include EMT/Paramedic, Computer Science, Aircraft Pilot Training, Industrial Maintenance, Aviation Maintenance and Applied Engineering as a few examples. He then answered questions from the floor.

OPENING CEREMONY FOR 6/14/06

President Gordon Dowell presided over the meeting. **Charles Kirkpatrick** led the singing and **Millie Braddy** played the piano. **Carl Lockett** led the prayer; **Kenny Smith** led the pledge and **Rosanna Herndon** introduced the program.

Prayer Requests

H. B. Terry as he is treated for a spider bite.

Darrell Flippo

Roland Williams for back problems.

For the two friends of Kimberley Cole with cancer.

Kimberley Cole's friend's son, who was run over, will begin rehab.

Billy Clay is having radiation treatments.

Susan Moellinger's husband Max.

Nelda Wallace.

Lee Hagelstein's wife Terri.

Gloria Fanous' mother.

Caroline Lee's friend Jennifer Ashburn as she recovers from surgery that detected cancer.

Children's Miracle Network child Courtney Lewis.

To those not mentioned, our prayers are still with you.



SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE – PEOPLE ARE TO BE HELPED, NOT SHUNNED

Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way. Psalm 25:8

When you were a child, your parents warned you to stay away from “bad” companions who might cause you to stray from the right path. Certainly this was and is good advice for the very young and the easily influenced.

But you learn from Scripture that God loves all his children and wants you to be united with him. You also learn that as a believer you have a responsibility to be a blessing not only to those who are living godly lives but also to those who are not. You are a mirror of God's love in the world; you reflect and pass along the goodness and mercy shown to you. And you practice this commandment most notably when you reach out to people who do not know that God loves them.

Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have domination over me. Psalm 19:12-13

Prayer: God, give me the courage to reach out to those who do not yet know you. Give me the words to speak truth and love into their lives. In Jesus Name, Amen.

BIRTHDAYS June

Jill Geeslin 23

Mac Sipe 25

ANNIVERSARIES-June

Chris & Kristen Carnohan 21

Luncheon Cup Money for June 14, 2006 was \$39.58

GUESTS FOR 6/14/06

Chris Carnohan introduced the guests.

Burrell McKelvain-Texas State Technical College.

Gerald Armstrong-Texas State Technical College, was the guest of Clarence Presswood.

Lee and Margaret Stanley, Bobbi Bieberly and John Landers were all guest of the Greater Abilene Club.



GUMBALL REPORT

Earl Williams reported that for May we have in operation 1240 machines. From a reading of 446 machines, we received \$609.84. This brings the grand total to \$222,278.20.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

President Dowell Discussed membership growth, asking members to Identify Perspective Members, Tell them about Kiwanis, and asked them to come to a meeting and join! Keep encouraging your friends and business colleagues.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

6/28/06- LeDessa White and the Community Singers

JULY Program dates to be advised.

Keith Perry Sears Methodist Retirement System

Jim Ed Fields "Agriculture in Brazil"

KIWANIS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Kiwanis International Convention, Montreal, Quebec, Canada-6/28-7/2 2006

Texas/Oklahoma District Convention at Sea 8/17--8/21 2006

MEMBERSHIP

Sponsor a member and get your name on this list!

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Date</u>
J. R. Velasco	David Jones	10/26/05
Caroline Lee	Gordon Dowell	11/16/05
Robert Burch	Kenny Smith	12/7/05
John Thomas	Doug Williamson	12/14/05
David Bacon	Donald McDonald	12/28/05
Gary Mock	Bill Clark	1/18/06
Casey Metts	Don Williams	2/1/06
Donovan Henderson	James Hallmark	2/15/06
Tonia Lovelady	Kelly Jones	3/8/06
Alex Rose	John Thomas	3/8/06
Alan Eggleston	Caroline Lee	4/5/06
David McWright	John Thomas	4/19/06





NEWS

On a sad note, it has come to my attention that Susan Moellinger’s husband Max passed away last evening. At this time I am not aware of any arrangements. Please pray for Susan at this very difficult time.

NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Gordon,

We are grateful for the generous donation towards the expenses of our annual Big Country RSVP Volunteer Recognition Luncheon made by the Kiwanis Club of Abilene.

I personally appreciate your support over the years of our program.

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene was recognized as one of our luncheon sponsors.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Brenda Trojcek, Director, RSVP

Kiwanians,

Thanks for being a shining example of generosity and kindness...

...and everything else that’s just plain right in this world.

Thanks to your financial support, magazine subscriptions have been renewed for all grade levels (most of these were paid for by teachers in the past, about \$200 per grade level). Because of your willingness to help, all students at Reagan will receive their very own **Weekly Reader**, **Scholastic News** or **Time for Kids** monthly, for the entire 2006-2007 school year!

Thanks to your generosity, especially that of Ms. Nancy Miller, 20 very nice hard-back books have been placed in our LRC for students to enjoy, and 158 books were **GIVEN** to our students **FREE** of any charge! They will cherish these as their very own because of your thoughtfulness!

Also, thanks again to all who dedicated time every week to come read with our students! That precious one-on-one time with an adult is something our students need and desire! You will never know how far your influence has reached!

We can never thank you enough! You have been a true blessing to our school!

With deepest appreciation,

The Faculty, Staff, and Students of Reagan Elementary School

Dear Mr. Poynor:

The 2005-2006 school year is quickly coming to a close. The generosity of the Kiwanis Clubs has allowed these children to participate in school, because they received the medication and medical treatment they needed. We appreciate all the Kiwanians in the Big Country for their hard work on the Hole-In-One Contest that make these funds available to the school children throughout this area. We are most grateful to the Kiwanians for their confidence and support.

Sincerely,

Linda Peel, R.N., Director, Health Services

INTERCLUB-Greater Abilene-6/8/06

Donald McDonald, Russell Berry, Ray King, Neil Tatom-Lt. Gov.

INTERCLUB-North Abilene-6/9/06

Keith Garner, Margaret Hoogstra, Bill Hoogstra, John Snapp, Ken Poynor

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Briarstone Manor is located at:

101 Elpens Court, Abilene, TX 79604

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Meetings are every Wednesday at Noon



2005-2006 OFFICERS

<i>Gordon Dowell</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Margaret Hoogstra</i>	<i>President-Elect</i>
<i>David Jones</i>	<i>Vice-President</i>	<i>Ricki Brown</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Carl Lockett</i>	<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Kimberley Cole</i>	<i>Foundation Treasurer</i>
<i>Clarence Presswood</i>	<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Nell Sims</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Bill Hoogstra</i>	<i>Immediate Past President</i>	<i>Henry McGinty</i>	<i>Assistant Secretary</i>

2005-2006 DIRECTORS

TWO YEARS

Russell Berry

Lora Lynn Christensen

Dennis Laster

Guinn Smith

Sheila Watts

ONE YEAR

Gloria Fanous

Kelly Jones

Ken Lenoir

Lorin Watson

Doug Williamson

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