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# **K** *The Kiwanis Club of Abilene* **KIWANIGRAM**



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## **BAPTIST / MUSLIM CONVOCATION** **Dr. Ron Smith & Dr. Robert Sellers**

**Noon, Wednesday, September 9**  
**Abilene Country Club**

Dr. Ron Smith and Dr. Robert Sellers from Logsdon School of Theology at Hardin-Simmons University participated in the National Baptist-Muslim Dialogue held in Boston, Massachusetts, last year. They will share some of their insights with us. This should be informative and timely.

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## **FIRST RESPONDER AWARD AND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER PROGRAM** **September 2**

President **Russell Berry** presided. **Don Scargall** led the prayer, **Ty Purcell** led the singing. **Millie Braddy** played piano. **Nell Sims** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Lora Lynn Christensen** introduced our guests.

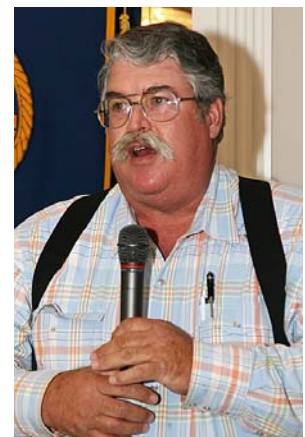


The Melvin Martin 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Award was presented by **Jim Berry**. Russell explained this was the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for this award and the Kiwanis Club of Abilene is the only Kiwanis Club in Abilene participating in this type of award. Members serving on this committee were **Mark Hoover, Chair, Jamie Breed, Melvin Martin** and **Jim Berry**. Jim introduced Lt. Randy Doan as the recipient for 2009, stating that **Ken Dozier** submitted Randy's name for this honor. Jim went on to describe the many ways Randy has been involved in this community over the years from March 1984 through today as a part of the Abilene Fire Department. Randy chose to designate the \$1,000.00 awarded to the Melvin Martin Center for Children's Safety (formerly Safety City).

*Lt. Randy Doan pictured at left.*

**Randy Williams** introduced Gary Young as the speaker today. Gary is with the ECAA Volunteer Fire Department, where he has served for 19 years. Gary presented a very informative program. He said that in the 80's, volunteer fire departments primarily fought grass fires in rural areas. Today these same organizations' work helps conduct searches for young children or perhaps Alzheimer patients and they have even been known to come to the aid of horses in swimming pools. He stated the volunteer fire department, like the Kiwanis Club of Abilene, did not stand alone. To accomplish a goal, we often need help and working together is a means to accomplish a lot.

A primary goal for the volunteer fire departments is to prevent fires before they occur. With that in mind, education is important. He stressed that the departments are made up of volunteers who take off work to help others in need. Gary gave a slide presentation that demonstrated changes over the years in equipment used to assist in fighting fires. We thank Gary for a great program.



*Gary Young*

Russell thanked Gary for coming and announced that a donation would be made to the Kiwanis Club Foundation for scholarships in his honor.

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Cup Money - \$36.63



Brag Basket - \$0.00

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## **FUTURE PROGRAMS**

**September 16** – Bobbie Wolfe's South African Safari

**September 23** – Judge Joseph Williams, "Who Do You See in the Mirror?"

**September 29** – Celebrations Banquet

**September 30** – No meeting Wednesday at noon.



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## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Pray for **Clarence Presswood**. Pray for **J.C. McCurdy's** wife, Arlene. Pray for Earlene and **Billy Clay**. Continue to pray for **Bud Coke's** wife, Ruby. Pray for **Jerry Harris** who was diagnosed with early stages of Parkinson Disease. Continue to pray for our men and women in the military.

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## **Spiritual Aims Message: God Cares for His Own**

There are many opportunities in our instant news world to be concerned about health, happiness and safety. It is so easy to get caught up in the mood of confrontation and intimidation that goes with the everyday process of living in our time. Is it not comforting to step back for a minute and recognize what we find in our places of worship each week, that God promises ultimate care and security to those who trust and call on Him?

*"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust.' ... You will not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday....For he will give his angels charge of you to guard you in all your ways." Psalm 91:1-2,5-6,11*

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## **NEW MEMBERS**

**Pam McGrew** 9/2/09  
**Ron Colwell** 9/2/09  
**David Vela** 8/5/09  
**Don Henderson** 7/22/09  
**Tara Castille** 6/24/09  
**Robert Pollan** 5/20/09  
**Jerry Zikmund** 4/22/09  
**Nelson Sparks\*** 4/15/09  
**Brice West** 4/15/09  
**Cassie Santiago** 4/8/09  
**Manuel Longoria** 3/18/09  
**Pete Oldham** 3/4/09  
**Jimmie Monhollon** 1/28/09  
**Kirk Hancock** 1/21/09  
**Jennifer Kent** 11/3/08  
**Jud Powell** 11/12/08

**Doug Williamson**  
**Dennis Laster**  
**Lou Briley**  
**James Hallmark**  
**Marty Anderson**  
**Russell Berry and Dennis Laster**  
**LuGene Lewis**  
**LuGene Lewis**  
**Guinn Smith**  
**Bobbie Wolfe**  
**Guinn Smith**  
**Guinn Smith/Faye Dodson**  
**Russell Berry/Jeff Goodin**  
**Clarence Presswood**  
**John Thomas**  
**Russell Berry**



Dennis Laster introduced Ron Colwell as a new member. Ron originally joined the Kiwanis Club of Abilene in April 2003 and previously served as club treasurer. He resigned from the club in November 2005 as he was transferred to Oklahoma for his job. Ron works for AEP and is glad to be back in Abilene. Welcome Ron!

Pam McGrew has also returned to Abilene. She has been approved for membership and will be introduced by her sponsor, Doug Williamson on September 9<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to have Ron and Pam back with us.

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## BIRTHDAYS

September 9  
September 13  
September 14  
September 15

Margaret Jolly  
Doug Williamson  
Stanley Higgins  
George Knight



## INTERCLUBS

### Key City

Monday, August 31  
Curtis Blackburn  
Royce Manning  
Donald McDonald  
Jack Rentz  
Roland Williams



This brings our total interclubs to **105** for the 2008-2009 Kiwanis year, with **104** individuals participating in at least one interclub.



**Faces of Kiwanis:** *H.B. Terry, Faye Dodson, and Leonard Brock* visiting before the meeting. *Dennis Laster* introduced *Ron Colwell* as our newest member. *Ty Purcell* led the singing.

## AKTION CLUB

The new **Aktion Club** committee begins meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month beginning September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. We'll meet at the Oakwood Trails Lodge on the State School campus. We're working with the Friday Club, who will help support the Aktion Club. We have 6 members for the committee at this time: 3 from the Friday Club, 3 from ours. We need 2 more members. Contact **John Thomas** to get involved.

## Gumball Report

By Earl Williams

**1192** Machines Read  
**\$486.12** collected  
**\$240,052.72** collected to date!



## Hendrick Children's Hospital Wing

**Goal \$50,000**

**48 MEMBERS** PLEDGING TO THE HENDRICK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN

**Approximate Money Pledged to Date**  
**Shootout 2009**  
**Addl Shootout Funds 2009**  
**Amount Collected to Date**  
**Amount Needed to Meet \$50,000 Goal**



**\$19,200.00**  
**\$2,500.00**  
**\$3,975.48**  
**\$21,849.05**  
**\$28,150.95**

Russell reminded those present of our pledge to the 2010 Hendrick Project, recapping the amount received to date and the history behind the project. The goal for the Kiwanis Club of Abilene is \$50,000.00. Sign up sheets will be available next week for those who have not pledged to participate. This is optional, but is a great project and we want to reach that goal. If you have made a pledge but have not turned in those funds, please do so soon. Checks need to be made payable to Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation.



**Pictured:** Lt. Randy Doan and his wife Rhonda. Lt. Randy Doan and Abilene Fire Chief Ken Dozier. **Jim Berry** presented the Melvin Martin First Responder Award to Lt. Randy Doan of the Abilene Fire Department.

## RECENT GUESTS – September 2, 2009

<u>GUEST</u>	<u>GUEST OF</u>	<u>GUEST</u>	<u>GUEST OF</u>
David Stovall	<b>Mark Young</b>	Carl Lockett	<b>Carl Lockett</b>
Randy Doan	<b>Jim Berry</b>	Danette Cummings	Downtown Abilene
Rhonda Doan	<b>Jim Berry</b>	Ellen Campbell	Downtown Abilene

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTES

**Celebration Tuesday** – September 29!

Check out the **Kiwanis Calendar** on the website: [www.abilenekiwanis.org](http://www.abilenekiwanis.org) also go to [www.kiwanisclubofabilene.shutterfly.com](http://www.kiwanisclubofabilene.shutterfly.com) and see some great pictures.

Workers are needed for the **West Texas Fair and Rodeo**. Contact Royce Manning to sign up.

## 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

<u>TWO YEARS</u>		<u>ONE YEAR</u>	
Ty Purcell	Mac Sipe	Sharon Jones	Dick Kincaid
Shirley Velasco	Kelly Jones	Jerry Carter	John Thomas
Mark Hoover		Lora Lynn Christensen	

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