

# K *The Kiwanis Club of Abilene* KIWANIGRAM



## TECHNOLOGY STUDENT LUNCHEON, ATEMS Principal Abilene Country Club, Noon, May 12

Abilene's Academy of Technology, Engineering, Math, & Science (ATEMS) is designed for students interested in pursuing careers in engineering and computer science. Both courses of study emphasize math, science, and technology using Project Based Learning (PBL) curriculum provided by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to create a network of New Technol-

ogy High Schools. ATEMS is one of fifty New Technology schools in the United States and the fifth one in Texas. The school offers a full day program with a 1 to 1 student to computer ratio. Students participate in courses with content taught through project-based, real-world problems and scenarios. All graduates will fulfill the state mandates for the

Recommended or Distinguished Achievement plan.

Students may accrue college credit through our continued partnerships with our local universities and colleges and participate in appropriate internships for career pathways during their junior and senior years.

Our speaker will be John Martinez, Director of the ATEMS School.

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### Upcoming:

*Board Meeting—May 20*

*Mark Hoover announced we will honor local High School Valedictorian & Salutatorians May 19<sup>th</sup> when recipients of the Foundation Scholarship will be announced. Sign up sheets to sponsor meals for students and parents will be on the tables next week. \$10 per person*

## BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU, Steve Abel May 5



*Steve Abel*

**Russell Berry** introduced speaker Steve Abel as "Ready, Willing and Able." Steve, who is the current President and CEO of the Abilene Better Business Bureau, presented a very interesting program stating that the BBB was much more than just "scam" communication.

In the course of his presentation, he identified common scams and provided resources to help us be better informed. He cautioned the audience that those "FREE" offers are to be avoided. If you are required to pay shipping and handling, it is not "Free."

Generally, a person provides a credit card number and in the fine print, you learn you have committed to a renewal program that far exceeds the value of the merchandise purchased. Most importantly, Steve communicated the importance of knowing who you are doing business with. If it sounds too good to be

true, it probably is a good idea to avoid it.

Steve presented a great program today. Mark Young thanked him for coming and stated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation for scholarships in his honor.

**Mark Young** conducted today's meeting. The prayer was led by **John Snapp**. **Charles Kirkpatrick** led the music with **Millie Braddy** accompanying. **Mac Sipe** led the pledge and **Brice West** introduced our guests.

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## Faces of Kiwanis



Faces of Kiwanis: **Russell Berry** introduced the speaker. **Bryce West** introduced our guests. **Charles Kirkpatrick** was presented by the nominating committee as President-Elect for 2010-2011 and **Ricki Brown**, nominee for Club Treasurer. **Randy Williams** introduced **Dennis Laster** as the club's *Layperson of the Year*.

## Club Business

**Retirement:** Millie Braddy is retiring as pianist effective 5/12/10. Thank you Millie for the wonderful music you have provided for so many years.

**Elections:** Today was the first day of elections for 2010-2011. Russell Berry, Committee Chair, presented the following:

- President-Elect, Charles Kirkpatrick
- Treasurer, Ricki Brown

No other nominations were made from the floor. We will vote on these two positions May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Memorial Day Program:** Program Chair, **Jamie Breed** announced plans are underway for a special Memorial Day Program on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Please submit pictures of you or family members who have served in the military to **Charles Kirkpatrick**. In addition, bring memorabilia for a display. If you have submitted photos in the past, Charles has those

and will use them again unless new ones are provided.

**Membership Drive Month:** May is Membership Drive Month. We need at least 8 new members! Mark introduced a membership incentive as follows for our contest through June: \$30.00 gift card to sponsor. Cost of meal for guest who joins will be refunded to the sponsor. Sponsors name goes in for a drawing to be held at the end of June.

## Reports

### NEW MEMBERS

Eddie Alvarez—3/3/10  
Brady Currey—1/27/10  
David Batson—10/21/09  
Twyla Young—10/7/09  
Will Smith—10/7/09  
Guy Lucas—9/23/09

### Hendrick Children's Hospital Wing

Goal:	\$50,000.00
Shootout 2009:	\$ 2,500.00
Shootout 2010:	\$ 2,000.00
Rec'd to Date:	\$26,703.78
Needed to Reach Goal:	\$23,296.22

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May 12—Technology Student Luncheon, ATEMS Principal

May 19—Academic & Scholarship Recognition Program, Dr. Lanny Hall

May 26—Memorial Day Program

## Spiritual Aims Message...by Randy Williams

“*Serendipity*” is the ability of making accidental but fortuitous discoveries, especially while looking for something entirely unrelated. Sometimes this also results in our experiencing an “*Epiphany*,” which is an ordinary event through which we receive new illumination on life.

I don’t believe in coincidence. I believe that God has ordered my life in a way that draws me closer to a relationship with Him and reveals His Hand on me. Have you ever had something very unusual happen to you? Something that, on it’s face, seemed to have no real significance other than being kinda weird?

I believe that these are events of which we should “stop” and take notice. God communicates with us in so many ways and yet circumstances and events seem to be most often overlooked. When this happens to you, you may need to be patient for Him to reveal what He is trying to tell you.

When you look at something that you may have known about for a long time, and suddenly you realize that it is very special, much more meaningful than you’ve ever acknowledged; then at that moment, you’ve had an epiphany. You’ve uncovered something that was there all

all along, but was hiding just below the surface. It wasn’t so obvious. It took a second look.

In the Gospels the magi realized that Jesus was their king, too, so they went out of their way to yield to Him and bring Him the praise that He deserved. Recognizing Jesus as King is the ultimate realization that anyone can have. I’d say it’s a life-changing epiphany. Do you want to “*Change the World, One Child at a Time*”? Keep growing in the Lord and keep your eye out for the “*Serendipity*” in your life. If you look closely enough you just might find an “*Epiphany*”.

## Guests 5/5/10

Adam Poynor was the guest of **Ken Poynor**.

Photographs from the 2010 Kiwanis



## Pancake Day Pictures On-Line



Club of Abilene Pancake Day may be found at on Shutterfly, where you can view the album, watch as a slide



show, download photos to your computer, or order prints:

<http://kiwanisclubofabilene.shutterfly.com/day>

## Who’s Who in Kiwanis and More

### FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

**Russell Berry, Chairperson,**

Devhra Bennett-Jones, Donald McDonald, Ken Lenoir, Stan Higgins, Ken Poynor and Carl Lockett.

### *Kiwanis Birthday List*

5/16 *Robert Pritz*



**CUP MONEY**

**\$32.80**

**BRAG BASKET**

**\$9.00**



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### 2008-2010 OFFICERS

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

### 2009-2010 DIRECTORS

#### Two Year:

Rob Allen, Marty Anderson, Will Smith, Dick Kincaid, Don Paige

#### One Year:

Mark Hoover, Kelly Jones, Ty Purcell, Mac Sipe, Lew Lewis

## Shorts

### THANKS

Thank you to all the members of the greatest club in the universe for another successful Pancake Day. Many thanks are required: to those who offloaded supplies at 3:00 in the morning; to those who set up all the equipment on Friday and stowed it all away on Sunday; to those who helped with silent auction for weeks before the big day and who will continue to help for the two or three weeks it takes to get all items delivered and paid for; to those who donated items for the auction; to those who sold tickets to all their friends and neighbors; to those who took tickets, cooked all day, served all day, cleaned up all day and entertained throughout the day. It was great to see the smiles on the faces

of the people we served and it is always great to be a Kiwanian.

Lora Lynn Christensen,  
Pancake Day Chairman

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Rodney Holder family; Zach Briley in loss of his uncle, Ray Hudson; Curtis Blackburn and family in loss of his daughter; Dub Pritchett; Roland Williams wife, Gloria; Clarence Presswood; and Nell Sims.

### NAME THIS KIWANIAN!

1. I was born in El Paso, Texas.
2. I grew up in Pecos, Texas and Monahans, Texas.
3. I have lived in Abilene for 28 years.

4. I moved to Abilene from Bryan, Texas.
5. I graduated from Monahans High School and Hardin-Simmons University.
6. I am a retired teacher.

Last Week's Kiwanian: **Guinn Smith**, shown below.



