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## THE STORY OF TAYLOR COUNTY

**Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, November 30, 2011**

No matter where you live in Taylor County, we all have at least two things in common: we are residents of Texas and we are residents of Taylor County.

But how much do you really know about your county?

Taylor County is home to more than 131,500 people. We are the 30th largest county in the State of Texas by population and cover more than 900 square miles!

But did you know that Taylor County is also the 5th largest employer in the City of Abilene?

Come learn a lot more as Taylor County Judge Downing Bolls talks about the State of the County.

Born in Biloxi, Mississippi, Downing was raised in a military family of 5 siblings. He graduated from Burkburnett High School in 1968. Upon graduation, he served as a U.S. Marine Embassy Security Guard in Saigon and Guatemala City until discharged in 1972. He attended McMurry College, Southwest Texas State Univ. majoring in Journalism.

Downing worked for KFMN Radio and then became a news reporter, News Director, and Vice President for AM Programming for KRBC Radio and Television for over 33 years.

In 1978, he married Debbie El-



Photo by Greg Kendall-Ball/Reporter-News

**Taylor County Judge Downing Bolls (left) and Dyess Air Force Base commander Col. David Been honor the American flags as they pass the reviewing stand during the Veterans Day Parade Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011.**

liott and they have two grown children. In 2006, he enrolled at ACU and obtained a Master's Degree in Conflict Resolution. He is a certified mediator.

In 2010, he sought and won election to the Office of Taylor County Judge where he is currently serving.

Judge Bolls serves on the Taylor County Juvenile Board, Mental Health Task Force, Abilene/Taylor

County Venue Tax Board, Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, Chamber of Commerce Communications Committee, Child Advocacy Center, Taylor County Bail Bonds Board, and the Municipal Planning Organization. He serves as an Elder and Praise Leader for Brookhollow Christian Church. Judge Bolls also is active in the Abilene Southwest Rotary Club.

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# KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

## 'Walk The Talk'

### Weekly Meeting November 16, 2011

#### Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Prayer.....	Jerry Carter
Music .....	Randy Williams
Piano .....	Jamie Breed
Pledge .....	Faye Dodson
Guests .....	Jonathan Gibbs
Photographs .....	David Jones
Cup Money .....	\$48.15
Brag Basket by Roy Dent .....	\$14.00

### In our prayers

- William Smith-Medical testing, Mark Young's grandmother
- ACU Students and staff as well as families recovering from bus accident
- Jarrell Young
- H.B. Terry
- Leonard Brock
- Bill and Ginger Zavatson
- Our military men and women as they serve to protect our freedom

### Guests

Guest.....	Guest of Member
Judith Phaneuf.....	Mark Hoover
Roma Howard .....	George Woodfin
George Woodfin .....	Greater Abilene
Ikie Taylor .....	Greater Abilene
Clifford Reeves .....	Lew Lewis

### The program

Randy Williams introduced our own Dr. James Shields as the speaker. James, who joined Kiwanis in January, 1985 shared an inspiring message on the "Implications of Thanksgiving". He communicated the first Thanksgiving Day was observed by pilgrims in 1623 who came together to share what they had and to offer thanks to God for His provision and protection as they came to America. In 1789 President George Washington issued a Thanksgiving Day Proclamation however the 3rd President of the United States, Thomas Jefferson discontinued Thanksgiving calling it a "Kingly Practice". In 1941 congress



established the National Day of Thanksgiving. James shared four implications regarding what the nature of Thanksgiving implies referring to Psalm 95 as he shared thoughts on the subject:

- Giver- Noah, Abraham, David all looked to God and gave thanks as did the Pilgrims and President George Washington. Giving thanks is a joyful response from person to person and to our Redeemer.
- Recognition of something given- for deliverance and fellowship however not just things, but relationships, guidance and protection.
- Attitude of Gratitude-God's thoughts are not our thoughts—are we grateful?
- Possibility of missed relationship with the very source of life-reflect on the exodus of the Israelites who complained over and over again instead of offering thanksgiving for deliverance. They were greedy for more thus their relationship with God deteriorated. Are we guilty of the same attitude?

During this time of Thanksgiving let us make certain we do not miss the meaning of Thanksgiving. Celebrate with a "Real Party of Thanksgiving" for the blessings our Heavenly Father has poured out on us.

President Kirkpatrick thanked Dr. Shields for the inspiring message and communicated we would make a donation to our foundation in his honor for scholarships.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Volunteer opportunity

Volunteers are needed for 2-hour shifts at the Mall of Abilene for Light up a Life campaign benefiting Hendrick Hospice Care. Dates November 25 to December 23rd.

To volunteer call Aimee Colley 670-6951 or [acolley@ehendrick.org](mailto:acolley@ehendrick.org)

### Special recognition

President Kirkpatrick recognized committee members from the SOS Committee (reading at Reagan Elementary Program), See by Three and the Ramp Committee members for their service to children and the community.

### Calendar

- Dec. 12: Board Meeting, Bogie's Sandwich Shop noon
- Jan. 12: Division Council Meeting
- Jan. 27: Governor's Visit (Save the Date-more details to come)
- Feb. 11: Mid-Winter Conference (make plans now to attend)



# See what you missed if you weren't there



**Clifford Reeves was a guest of Lew Lewis**



**Ron Carroll**



**Dub Pritchett and Nancy Miller enjoy the good food and fellowship**



**Left to right, Randy Williams led singing.**



**Jonathan Gibbs introduced the guests.**



**Doug Williamson applauds those who serve on the SOS, See by Three, and Ramp projects**

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## **SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE**

*By Randy Williams*

Family advice columnist, Dorothy Law Nolte, wrote the poem “Children Learn What They Live.”

The poem became an anthem to child-rearing.

Kids are like little sponges.

They soak up everything within their environment both good and bad.

Parents are supposed to be the filter between the bad stuff and their kids but, let's face it, in today's sensory overloaded society, this task has become nearly impossible.

This is why we, the community, are asked to “step up to the plate” and help.

In this respect, I agree with Hillary Clinton's book, “It takes a Village: and Other Lessons Children Teach Us”.

In Mark 9:42, Jesus, talking about our relationship to children, said, “If anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck.”

Your influence can be profound if you will act to help the parents in our community filter out the evil to which our children are exposed.

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

Live the example of Romans 12:9, making sure that your love to those around you is sincere and hating that which is evil while, at the same time, holding on to what is good.

# Meet your Kiwanis International leadership

Each Kiwanis club has a voice at the organization's International level: the International Board of Trustees. Kiwanis International Officers and Trustees are elected by clubs at the annual International convention. Among the Board's responsibilities:

- Establish and implement long-range plans for the organization.
- Direct the development of Kiwanis programs, from membership growth to service initiatives.
- Counsel Kiwanis districts, Key Club International, and Circle K International boards.

The International President presides at the International Convention and over all meetings of the International Board, Executive Committee, and International Council. As Kiwanis International's primary ambassador, the International President visits districts and regions worldwide.

## Kiwanis International Board 2011-2012

President A. Alan Penn; Medina, Ohio; Medina Breakfast club

President-Elect Thomas DeJulio; Fordham, Bronx; Bronxville, New York

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- Jerome E. Peuler Jr; La Plata, Maryland; Waldorf club
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- Wen-Pin Su; Tainan, Taiwan; Tainan club
- Sjoerd R.J. Timmerman; Voorburg, the Netherlands; den Haag club
- Lee Kuan Yong; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Executive Director Stan Soderstrom; Indianapolis, Indiana; Pike Township club

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