

# KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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## JIMMY PICKENS AND SMOKEY BEAR

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, February 4th



Jimmy B. Pickens, Lt. Col USAF retired, was born and raised in New Mexico. As one of 3 sons of the Director, NM Department of Game and Fish, he grew up hunting and fishing in the mountains near Santa Fe. His "additional duty" was to care for the myriad of wild animal off-spring acquired by the Game and Fish Department. Along with skunks, porcupines, coyotes, bob cats, and mountain lion kittens, Jimmy was blessed with being the keeper of Smokey Bear, the living symbol of the fire prevention bear, during the summer of 1950, prior to Smokey's flight to fame and residence in the Smithsonian Zoo in Washington, DC.

Jimmy went on to graduate from NM A&M University and University of Arizona and serve 23 years as a navigator/Air Force Academy Instructor/Commander in the USAF, including 4 years in combat in the Republic of Vietnam. After retirement from the USAF, he spent 24 years teaching 8th grade science for the Wylie ISD.

Jimmy will present a short history of the concept of Smokey Bear (the fire prevention bear), and the life of a New Mexico black bear cub who rose from obscurity in the Capitan Mountains to be the most recognizable advertising symbol in the USA and had his own postal ZIP code. Presentation includes original film scenes and the US Forest Service Smokey video.



Randy Williams led the opening prayer.



Bill Hoogstra announced plans to sponsor a new AKTION Club.



Mark Hoover introduced the program.



Lori Grumet presented the program.



Toby Dagenhart and Kelly Young of Disability Resources Inc. were guests of Bill Hoogstra.

**KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE**  
 Weekly Meeting  
 January 28th, 2015  
 Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting .....	Jamie Breed
Prayer .....	Randy Williams
Music.....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Piano .....	Lora Lynn Christensen
Pledge.....	Rod Weeks
Guests.....	Randy Williams
Cup Money .....	\$38.37
Brag Money (Kelly Jones).....	\$2.00

**In our prayers**

Remember Dub Pritchett, John Landry, Edith Smith, and Marty Anderson. Marty received a good report this past week.

Pray for Gary Poynor who is home from the hospital however needs our continued prayers.

Keith Garner is scheduled for day surgery on February 4th.

Remember Gordon Dowell who recently had back surgery. Praise that Gordon was back with us on the 28th.

Remember Margaret Hoogstra who is struggling with back pain

Remember Joan, wife of George Knight and Marilyn, wife of Jeff Goodin

**Guests**

Guest.....Member  
 Kelly Young and Toby Dagenhart ..... Bill Hoogstra  
 Joan Batson ..... David Batson

**Program**

Mark Hoover introduced City Librarian, Lori Grumet, as the speaker on January 28th. Lori came to us from Las Cruces, NM in November 2014. She communicated some of the challenges and related information on the strategic plan for the library. Input from the community will be important.

As for promise: She stated, there was lots of promise for Abilene. At the main library, the focus is to provide space for tweens and teens. Right now, this group has a small space available toward the back of the first floor. A grant is in process to address this challenge. Plans are to reopen the 2nd floor hopefully by the time summer programs begin.

Exciting things are developing: Stay tuned for the possibility of developing a new building associated

**ELIMINATE**  
 maternal/neonatal tetanus



Model Club Goal: \$71,250
Percent of Goal Met: 30.8%
Contributions: \$ \$21,956.60
Zeller Fellows: 7
Pledged Zellers: 13
Model Club Members: 2
Number of lives saved: 12,198 @ \$1.80 per shot series

with the Lincoln Middle School building repurpose project.

Challenges: Space needs at the south location are huge at this time. Things are elbow to elbow. The hope is to go through a formal proposal process to address the issue. She stated: "The library is the repository of our history, it's the reading home of our future leaders. It's the educator of our present life, the source of ideas and dreams. Library service in Abilene has a bright future and you as friends and supporters present and future, make it possible for us to realize new dreams for the community." She closed her presentation with a quote from author Mark Maynard. "No building is more important to a community than a library. Within its walls is an equality of ideas, endless paths of possibility, and the history of the world."

President Jamie Breed thanked Lori for her presentation and communicated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in her honor to help fund scholarships for students.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Club Satellite**

Just a reminder Club Satellite will meet next TUESDAY @ 6:00 pm at @ Boys and Girls Club (Martinez): We will hear from Jay Packer, Big Country President for Big Country Audubon Society. <http://www.bigcountryaudubon.org/>

Jay Packer first became interested in birds at the age of 12. Though native to Abilene, his love of birds has taken him and his wife around the world to places like Brazil, Ecuador, Europe, Australia, Costa



Rica, Mexico, and much of the U.S. and Texas. Jay holds biology degrees from ACU and Angelo State and currently teaches high school biology at ATEMS, the Academy of Technology, Engineering, Math, and Science in Abilene, TX.

Don't forget about the attendance incentive = free dues for one month, but you must be present to win! Congrats to Becky Spargo, last month's winner.

### Kiwanis Club of Abilene Directory

The 2014-2015 Kiwanis Club of Abilene Directory is available on line. Note the Directory is password protected. Contact Faye Dodson for the User ID and password.

### Pending AKTION Club at Disability Resources

Bill Hoogstra introduced Kelly Young, President of DRI and Toby Dagenhart, VP of Development to club members. Plans are progressing nicely to begin a new club at DRI hopefully within the next 3 months. This will bring us to two Aktion Clubs for the Kiwanis Club of Abilene, the first at the Abilene State Supported Living Center. President Jamie Breed reminded us that it was the DRI group who stepped up last year to prepare our plastic ware for Pancake Day. We look forward to sharing more details soon!

### Perfect Attendance: January 2015

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|------------------------|------------------|
| Tim Adcock             | Stephanie Hodge  |
| Marty Anderson         | William Hoogstra |
| Russell Berry          | Mark Hoover      |
| Michelle Brasher-Young | David Jones      |
| Jamie Breed            | Richard Kincaid  |
| Zach Briley            | Donna King       |
| Price Brock            | Ashley Larry     |
| Brandon Carr           | Cynthia Laster   |
| Lora Lynn Christensen  | Dennis Laster    |
| Christine Curtis-Carr  | Carl Lockett     |
| Charles Ellis          | Melvin Martin    |
| Key Gantt              | Donald McDonald  |
| Keith Garner           | Nancy Miller     |
| Gayla Gill             | Monroe Nevels    |
| Glyn Hammons           | Don Paige        |
| Jack Harkins           | Laurin Parrack   |

### KTAB TV

Larry Folwell, President of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene and President Jamie Breed were featured on KTAB TV on Wednesday January 28th to tell about the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis. They also had the opportunity to share what our clubs are all about!



Joan Batson was the guest of David Batson.

### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Reagan Elementary is collecting box tops for education. Let's help them by bringing those box tops throughout the year.

### CHILI DAY

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene annual Chili Day is scheduled for February 28th. They would welcome any help you may be able to offer. Contact Jamie Breed or Faye Dodson to get involved.

### Governor's News

Save the date now for Governor Colleen's visit to the Big Country with Divisions 12, 22 and 35 on Saturday, February 21, 2015 in Abilene, Texas.

To reduce travel expenses, T/O will hold three (3) Mid-Year Conferences in three different cities. Hours are 10 – 2 PM. They are:

- Heartland - Oklahoma City - Saturday 1/17/2015
- Metroplex - DFW Metroplex - Saturday 2/7/2015
- South Texas - San Antonio - Saturday 3/14/2015

TX/OK Convention will be held in Texarkana, TX August 7 thru 9, 2015. Ironically, Texarkana will also celebrate their 100 years anniversary!

A 100 Year Anniversary VIDEO Message from KI President John Button:

<http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanis100/resources/video-messages>

### CALENDAR

- February 3rd, 2015 – Club Satellite –6:00 pm Boys and Girls Club, 1301 Clinton St
- February 10th – Division 35 Council Meeting 6:00 pm, Al's Mesquite Grill
- February 19th – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon Bogies Sandwich Shop

- February 21st, 2015- Governor's Visit to ABILENE
- June 25–28, 2015 – Kiwanis International Convention 100th Anniversary Celebration, Indianapolis, Indiana
- August 7 – 9th 2015 – Tx/Ok Convention – Texarkana, TX

## Kiwanis Through the Years: 1977

- Lt. Gov. Raymond Jones conducted the installation of the new officers and directors of the Club on October 6. President Nicholson was head football coach at ACC (now ACU) when he joined the club 18 years ago. He now is with Amicable Ins. Co. On November 23 the Support of Churches Committee sponsored the Thanksgiving program and Bob Christian was the speaker.
- The Texas-Oklahoma District held its Board Meeting in Abilene at the Sheraton Inn, Nov. 15 & 16. Our own Lt. Gov. Elect, Clive Pierce learned what to start doing. Lt. Gov. & Mrs. Raymond Jones hosted a reception at their home on Saturday evening. Much stress on attendance at the International Convention in Dallas next June. About 125 were in attendance. Lt. Gov. Jones took many visiting Kiwanians on a tour of the city in his 1929 Rolls Royce.
- Meal costs were raised by the Windsor Hotel from \$2.75 to \$3.00 and the monthly dues were raised from \$13.50 to \$14.00 beginning January 1, 1977.
- The Kiwanigram was the Bulletin Award winner in the Tex-Okla District club bulletin contest for 1976.
- Club members purchased 60 tickets for the Prayer Breakfast at Dyess Air Force Base. They also furnished tickets for the residents of Boy's Ranch to attend.
- The Board voted to furnish Eagle Scout Kits for those Scouts in the Chisholm Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America who earned the Eagle Scout rank this year.
- Ladies Night Banquet scheduled for February 10 at the Abilene Civic Center Main Lobby. Raymond McDaniel, Master of Ceremonies. Musical program by Ann Davis. Legion of Honor Awards presented to Bert Chapman, James Cassel, Sam Waldrop, Garvin Beauchamp, Reed Ingalsby and Bon Neimann, Jim Griggs, Kiwanian of the Year.
- Pancake Supper is getting set up. Bynam Miers is the General Chairman. Date is Tuesday, April 5. Tickets are \$1.50. Doug Brodie is the



Jack Rentz and Bobbie Wolfe enjoying good food and fellowship.

Ticket Sales Chairman. Bob Christian said that the only way to sell pancake tickets is to get the person's attention then hold out your hand and receive the money. Clive Pierce sold \$816.00 worth of tickets. President Nicholson reported a total tickets sold at \$9986.50 when Dr. Joe Humphrey walked up to the president with a check for \$13.50 making the gross sales at exactly \$10,000. Net profit from supper is \$6,379.57

- President Nick Nicholson has written to each Kiwanian who sponsored a new member stressing the importance of keeping in touch with the new Inductee each week, remind him of the meeting, and let him know that we are really interested in him.
- President Nick Nicholson and Raymond McDaniel, Jr. are the elected delegates to the Kiwanis International Meeting in Dallas, June 26-29. Walter Ott, Doug Brodie, J. B. Jordan, Jr, Clive Pierce, Bert Chapman, Jim Jennings and Tim Rodgers also attended.
- Col. Keith Garner has deleted because he has been transferred to Ft. Levingworth, Kansas. He has been Asst. Prof. Military Science at Hardin Simmons University.
- The Annual recognition day for Vocational Training Students and the presentation of five \$250 scholarships was observed with Homer Taylor from the Texas State Technical Institute from Sweetwater as the speaker. Also the Valedictorians and Salutatorians of the Abilene high Schools were recognized.
- The Greater Abilene Club is promoting a memorial fund in honor of deceased Kiwanian Lowell Perry. He was Past Lt. Gov. Division 12, and a valuable member of Greater Abilene Club. All members are urged to support this memorial fund.

## SPIRITUAL AIMS

Have you ever worked for someone who was never satisfied with your production. Perhaps you constantly came up with ways to save money, time, effort, but you never received the credit because it was always accomplished on that bosses watch. Did you feel unappreciated and thought life was simply not fair? It would be difficult to walk such a path but our Father in Heaven knows who you are and what you have done. Your gifts are not lost on Him. After all, He is the one who gave them to you. He would tell you, "Take Heart, the end is in sight!" Remember how the Egyptians withheld straw for the making of bricks, but even that had a purpose. We may see only struggles and difficulties but the Father sees blessings heading your way. Perhaps you see the unemployment line, but He sees the job that He

*By Randy Williams*

is preparing just for you. You may see a difficult deadline, but He sees your creativity and ability to do what is necessary. So often we are trapped living in the moment and we fail to remember how much our loving Father cares for us. He has appointed a time for your release, recognition, reward and it may look like nothing you were expecting. When that happens, it will be for you, as glorious was release from Egyptian bondage was for the Children of Israel. Exodus 5 says, "Lord, teach me to look expectantly for the time you've chosen for my delivery." Kiwanians, if you expect to Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time, you will help those around you to see the hand of God on their lives and to trust in His plan to put you right in the middle of His Will!

### KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

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### 2014-2015 OFFICERS

Jamie Breed - President  
Mark Hoover - Immediate Past President  
Christine Curtis-Carr - President-Elect  
David Jones - Vice President  
Guy Lucas - Vice President  
Tim Adcock - Treasurer  
Faye Dodson - Secretary  
Kimberley Cole - Foundation Advisor

### 2014-2015 DIRECTORS

Two Year:	One Year:
Roy Dent	Marty Anderson
Charles Ellis	Cynthia Laster
Keith Garner	Gary Poynor
Clinton Nix	John Snapp
	Ashley Larry