

# KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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## SHALESIA RHODES-BROWN: VALENTINE'S DAY PROGRAM

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, February 11th



Shalesia Rhodes-Brown, mezzo soprano, will treat the Kiwanis Club of Abilene to a Valentine's Day program. Mrs. Brown is a student of Dr. Samuel Cook and is currently finishing her degree in music at Abilene Christian University. She has sung most recently for the Black Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Banquet and the Martin Luther King Banquet. In the fall Shalesia intends to start work on her master's degree at Hardin-simmons University. Shalesia is music director at Macedonia Baptist Church, where her husband David is keyboardist/pianist. They have four lovely children.

The program will be a different slant on "love." From opera arias to gospel, Shalesia will sing about unexpected aspects of love. Remember to invite someone to this special club meeting.

Pictured: Shalesia Rhodes-Brown and Lora Lynn Christensen at the Stamford Music Club meeting in January.



David Jones presided in Jamie's absence.



Bobbie Wolfe led the singing.



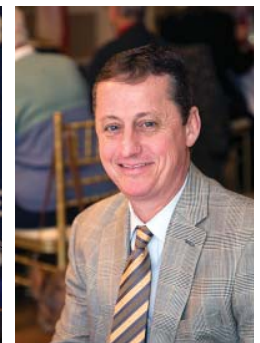
Guinn Smith introduced our guests.



Don Scargall introduced the program.



Jimmy Pickens presented the program.



Kent Sharp was a guest of Jack Harkins.

**KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE**  
 Weekly Meeting  
 February 4th, 2015  
 Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting .....	David Jones
Prayer .....	Ken Poynor
Music.....	Bobbie Wolfe
Piano .....	Cynthia Laster
Pledge.....	Will Smith
Guests .....	Guinn Smith
Cup Money .....	\$43.65
Brag Money (Randy Williams) .....	\$6.00

**In our prayers**

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

Remember Margaret Hoogstra who is struggling with back pain

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

**Guests**

Guest.....	Member
Rob Chastain .....	Bill Hoogstra
Kent Sharp .....	Jack Harkins

**Program**

Don Scargall introduced Jimmy Pickens, Lt Col USAF retired, as the speaker on February 4th. Jimmy spoke to club members about Smokey Bear. We learned that Smokey died in November, 1976 and was 26 years old. Smokey weighed 10 pounds when he left New Mexico and 500 pounds when he died. 2015 is the 70th anniversary year of Smokey Bear. The concept of Smokey came about in 1944 as a result of World War II. The wood being consumed in the war effort was very important. We were losing forests and forts from fires. The U.S. Forest Service saw the need for publicity to bring attention to protecting our forests. The idea of a cartoon bear was born. Smokey's image changed over the years as is certainly evident in commercials we see today celebrating his life today. In May 1950, Jimmy was introduced to taking care of Smokey. He described how that came about as he had the responsibility of caring for animals injured or otherwise needing care due to a major fire in Capitan, New Mexico. Smokey was taken by private plane from Santa Fe, NM to Washington D.C National Zoo in June 1950 where he lived until he died on November 8th, 1976. He is buried in the Lincoln National Forest in Capitan,

**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

NM. Today, Smokey Bears image is a living symbol of the American Forest Fire Prevention Program. Jimmy concluded his presentation by stating that Smokey had character! He shared great stories about Smokey emphasizing his personality. Check out <http://www.smokeybear.com/> to learn more. He is Smokey Bear, no middle name, just Smokey Bear!

Vice President David Jones thanked Jimmy for his wonderful presentation and communicated we would make a donation to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation in his honor to help fund scholarships for students.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Ramp Building Committee At Work**

Kudos to those who helped build a new ramp on January 30th. Bill Hoogstra, Kelly Jones, Curtis Blackburn and Rod Weeks helped with this important project.

**Layperson of the Year**

Randy Williams announced it is not too early to think about selecting a layperson of the year. Applications are available on the Kiwanis Club of Abilene website and are due by April 1st. Contact Randy for additional information.

**Ki-Notes**

Check out the latest Ki-Notes publication found on the Texas-Oklahoma website at <http://txokkiwanis.org/>

Kiwanis Club of Abilene is featured on page 15 for helping at Reagan Elementary with their Winterfest on January 16th.



## Key Club News

Key clubbers met at Prime Time on Friday February 6th for a social. This group is off to a great start!

## Pancake Day News

Mark Your Calendars for Pancake Day on April 25th. I-Hop is our corporate sponsor again this year and Starbucks will provide free Starbucks coffee for the entire event this year! Marty would encourage you now to begin collecting Silent Auction items.

## 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.

## 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.

## CALENDAR

- 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
- March 3, 2015 – Club Satellite –6:00 pm Boys and Girls Club, 1301 Clinton St
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- June 25–28, 2015 – Kiwanis International Convention 100th Anniversary Celebration, Indianapolis, Indiana
- August 7 – 9th 2015 – Tx/Ok Convention – Texarkana, TX

## 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:



Chris and Kristen Carnohan (Oxford Dictionary: "The two of them made a handsome couple.")

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>

## Kiwanis Through the Years: 1929

- The club took active part in extension of parks and playgrounds.
- Promoted city election for approval of bonds to provide a modern municipal air-port.
- Purchased playground equipment for \$1500 for a ward school and local park.
- Donated \$100 to West Texas Children Aid Association.
- Donated \$25.00 to annual Goodfellows Christmas Fund.



Rob Chastain was a guest of Bill Hoogstra.

## SPIRITUAL AIMS

Despite what Doug Williamson would have you believe, I have four of the most beautiful and intelligent grandchildren. The other day I was watching my daughter, Cara's two young children playing. Reyma, the 14 month old, was hugging and loving on her older 3 yr. old brother, Josiah. It was so dadgum cute. You just couldn't watch that and not have a smile on your face from ear-to-ear. It occurred to me that God must respond to us just like that when He sees us loving one another. Jesus was asked, "What is the greatest commandment in the Law?" He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.

*By Randy Williams*

And the second is like it, "Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments" Matt. 22:36-40. Loving one another was His idea and He must smile when He sees us following His commandment. Like a child to a parent, we are His treasure. He lovingly gazes at us in the morning while we are still sleeping. He quietly speaks with us on our way to work. He walks with us through the business of the day and sits with us in the quiet of the evening. His commands are designed to make us the best we can be. You really want to **"Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time?"** "Love your neighbor as yourself" and put a smile on the face of your Father.

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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