

# KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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## GERRY MCDOWELL: THE MILL WINERY AND EVENT CENTER Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, February 25th



Gerry McDowell is owner / manager of The Mill Winery and Event Center, one of Abilene's newest venues. In addition to The Mill, Gerry is President of McDowell Construction and also owns and operates a 10 acre vineyard with his family. Gerry's background is in agronomy and was General Manager of Shady Oaks Golf for 25 years.

Gerry is married to Bridget McDowell and they have three daughters and four grandchildren.



Roy Dent led the opening prayer.



Nancy Miller introduced our guests.



Earl Williams presented a gumball report.



Charles Kirkpatrick introduced our speaker.



Dr. Laura Pogue presented the program.



Bill Hoogstra's daughter, Janna Johnson, was Bill's guest.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE  
 Weekly Meeting  
 February 18th, 2015  
 Abilene Country Club

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| Led Meeting .....              | Jamie Breed    |
| Prayer .....                   | Roy Dent       |
| Music.....                     | Bobbie Wolfe   |
| Piano .....                    | Cynthia Laster |
| Pledge.....                    | Earl Williams  |
| Guests .....                   | Nancy Miller   |
| Cup Money .....                | \$33.62        |
| Brag Money (David Jones) ..... | \$7.00         |

**In our prayers**

Remember Pat Lockett as she recovers from hip surgery.  
 Margaret Hoogstra had successful back surgery recently. Please continue to pray for healing.  
 Remember Dub Pritchett, John Landry, and Edith Smith.  
 Remember Joan, wife of George Knight and Marilyn, wife of Jeff Goodin

**Guests**

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Guest.....         | Member        |
| Janna Johnson..... | Bill Hoogstra |

**Program**

Charles Kirkpatrick introduced Dr. Laura Pogue as the speaker on February 18, 2015. Dr. Pogue talked about the word "neighbor". She shared that she didn't see herself as a very good neighbor, however her husband was a great neighbor! In fact, he is such a good neighbor they have developed some rules for their household.

- He cannot pick up hitchhikers when their children are in the car with him.
- He is not allowed anymore to invite people to live with them. (It is a long story, but if I am 14 months pregnant and have a 3 year old, don't bring someone home and tell me they are going to live with us.)
- He can only have 30 minutes at any one stop when traveling.

Her presentation centered on the word "neighbor", describing the difference in the term as described in the New Testament and the Old Testament. She shared many positives about Abilene and many needs. She further shared that Abilene Kiwanians make a tremendous difference in the community. The club recognizes needs of the community and strives to be a neighbor to those

**ELIMINATE**  
 maternal/neonatal tetanus



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| 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 |

in need. She asked Kiwanians to receive this word today: "We (the community of Abilene) have never been more in need of you. We have never been more in need of neighbors. It's never been more important for the servant leaders of our city to show the rest of us how to be neighbors; to model Christ's instructions to "go and do likewise" by being critically and intentionally involved Continue your good work." Dr. Pogue closed her powerful message by praying for Kiwanians as they continue to serve others.

Charles thanked Dr. Pogue for the wonderful program 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**

**Gumball Report**

Earl Williams reported we have 1,026 machines in operation. Two Hundred Eighty Nine machines were read in January, bringing in \$280.44 bringing the grand total to \$264,238.08!

**Criminal Background Investigation**

Criminal Background Investigation renewals are due. Thank you to each who completed the CBI forms on 2/18/14. Faye will file those with Tx-Ok. Please see the attached form which can be submitted at next week's meeting or mailed to the Kiwanis office at 473 Cypress Street, Suite 107, Abilene TX 79601.

**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. The form is available on our website at <http://abilenekiwanis.org/>

## 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 Anderson says: "Start collecting Silent Auction items NOW" It is not too soon!"

## Coat Drive

John Hewitt has been faithful to organize the coat drive. He could use some help picking up coats. Please contact President Jamie Breed if you can help.

## 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

- March 3, 2015 – Club Satellite –6:00 pm Boys and Girls Club, 1301 Clinton St
- March 10th – Division 35 Council Meeting 6:00 pm, Al's Mesquite Grill
- March 19 – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon Bogies Sandwich Shop
- PANCAKE DAY – April 25th – Abilene Civic Center
- June 25–28, 2015 – Kiwanis International Convention 100th Anniversary Celebration, Indianapolis, Indiana
- August 7 – 9th 2015 – Tx/Ok Convention – Texarkana, TX

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

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

## Kiwanis Through the Years: 1978

- Outgoing President Nicholson closed out his year, and reported on the accomplishments of his presidential year and then our own Lt. Gov.

Clive Pierce installed the new officers on Oct. 5. REACH OUT is the new theme for the 1977-78 year in Kiwanis. A new club is in the process of being organized in Haskell. Lt. Gov. Pierce, Clyde Grant and Mel Coltharp are making trips to Haskell to accomplish this. A bus load made up of 37 Kiwanians and wives went to the Charter Nite Banquet on Nov. 10. District Governor Charles B. Gillespie presented the Charter.

- Walter Ott made an appeal for Kiwanians to bring clothing suitable for Boys Ranch and Girls Home to the next meeting.
- The new president of Hardin-Simmons University, Dr. Jessie Fletcher spoke to the Club on November 16. He was introduced by Dr. Lindell Harris.
- Lt. Gov. Clive Pierce and J. B. & Molly Jordan attended the Albany Charter Night Program on November 18.
- District Governor Charles Gillespie made his official visit to Division 35 on November 28 at the Abilene Civic Center. The theme of the banquet was an African Safari with a Jungle Beating, Head Hunting good time. President Raymond McDaniel served as Tribal Chief and gave general directions to the various activities. The attendance was 184 Kiwanians and guests.
- The Club contributed \$50 for purchasing "A Patch of Blue" Blue Bonnet seeds to help beautify the T & P right-of-way through town.
- The Charter Night for the ACHS Key Club Charter Night Banquet was December 6 at the ACU Campus Center.
- All Kiwanians and the public are invited to attend a party on Sunday, Jan. 1 honoring Kiwanian and Fire Chief D. C. Music in the Red Carpet Area of the Abilene Civic Center. This is in response to his retirement after nearly 50 years in the fire department.
- Kiwanians from Divisions 7, 12, 22 and 35 met on Jan 14, 1978 in Sweetwater for a 4 Division District Governor's Conference. Eleven Clubs are involved.
- The dues were raised on Feb 1, 1978 from \$14 to \$15 per month. This was necessary because the Hotel has raised the cost of meals to \$3.30.
- Thirteen members of the club are members of the Board of the newly formed Expo-Center of Taylor County. Van Boozer is the President.
- Ladies Night Banquet was held at the Officer's Club, Dyess A. F. B. on February 8. Clive Pierce was recognized as the Kiwanian of the Year.

## SPIRITUAL AIMS

When my son, Justin was born, we were renting a little house on N.18th street right next to the Candyland Apts. It was a very busy street and he could only play in the front yard as long as Gaye Lynn or I were with him. He knew he was not allowed to step on the grass closest to the street because it was not safe. Yet, he would occasionally walk to that area and lift his foot up over that grass. He would look back at us to see if we were watching and when he was assured that certain punishment would befall him, he lowered his foot and went on playing. You know, our Father is a God of order. He created boundaries for us to establish order in this fallen world. He

*By Randy Williams*

didn't give them to hinder our freedom but rather to show the joy and rewards that come with living within their safety. Some rewards are clearly spelled out for us like, having a long and full life if we honor our parents (Eph. 6:2). Others we will no doubt realize when we are with Him in heaven. As was our boundaries with our little boy, Justin, His boundaries are an act of love. He wants to keep us safe and whole and our obedience helps us stay that way. Kiwanians, if you want to **"Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time"**, live your lives under the order that the Father provides.

### KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. LOVE IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT!

### 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   |

# Big Country Official Governor's Visit



Amanda Wiskow introducing Key Club president Luke Shelburne.



Key Club President Luke Shelburne



Christine Curtis-Carr presented the T-O Long Range Planning Committee Report.



Colleen Biggerstaff is the TX-OK Governor.



Governor Biggerstaff presented Luke Shelburne the Abilene Key Club Charter.



The club satellite was well-represented at the meeting.



Past President Mark Hoover and Lt. Governor-Elect Melvin Martin.



Nancy Miller and Russell Berry.



Jamie Breed presented \$250 to Gov. Biggerstaff for the Women in Kiwanis Project.

34.9A TEXAS - OKLAHOMA DISTRICT OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL  
APPLICATION FOR A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION (CBI)

Kiwanis Club of: Abilene Key Number: K00403

Club Secretary: Faye Dodson Division: 35

Mailing Address: 473 Cypress St Suite 107

City, State, Zip: Abilene TX 79601

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Name of individual requesting CBI:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last name First name MI

Nickname(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required)

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Gender: M / F  
(Please Circle)

Race: Anglo, African Am., Am. Indian, Asian, Hispanic, Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please circle as appropriate) (Please Specify)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Apt  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State of issue: \_\_\_\_\_

City of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number where you can best be reached: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the information provided above is true, correct, and complete.

Signature of person requesting CBI: \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Information provided on this form is for the sole purpose of obtaining results of a Criminal Background Investigation for the Texas-Oklahoma District of Kiwanis International. Investigation results will be maintained at the Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis District Office and will not be disseminated to individuals or clubs other than a one word result: favorable or unfavorable. All information provided on this sheet will be destroyed (shredded) once the report is received. The only information retained at the District Office (for 2 years) will be the signed consent form.*

**Form 34.10 MUST accompany this application.**