

KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, May 27th



Robert Jerry Strader, Sr., D.D.S., M.S.D., F.A.C.D., was born in Fort Worth, Texas. He attended Abilene Christian University, graduating in 1955 with a degree in Business Administration. In 1959 he graduated from the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston. He received a Master's Degree in Dentistry from Baylor University Dental School in Dallas, Texas in 1966. He received a Masters Degree from Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, Pepperdine University School of Law in 2003. He served 25 years as a member of the Board of Trustees of Abilene Christian University. He has served as president of the Abilene Christian University Alumni Association and was the Outstanding Alumnus of the Year for 1990.

He currently serves as Mediator/Arbitrator in Residence at the Center for Conflict Resolution, Abilene Christian University. He is a member of FINRA, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, formally the NASD Dispute Resolution Board of Arbitrators.

He had a total Army service of over forty years. He started his military career as a tank driver in the 49th Armored Division of the Texas National Guard. In 1951 he entered the Regular Army as an enlisted man, going on to Officers' Candidate School where he graduated in 1952 as a Second Lieutenant. In 1953 he left the Army to complete his education. He re-entered the Regular Army in 1961 as a Dental Officer at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

He is a member of the Highland Church of Christ where he served as an elder from 1974 to 2011. He is a certified flight instructor with over 4,000 hours of flight time. He and his wife, Patsy, have four children, seven grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

**Bring any memorabilia you may have to display during the program.*



Jamie Breed
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KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
 Weekly Meeting
 May 20th, 2015
 Abilene Country Club

Led MeetingJamie Breed
 PrayerDennis Laster
 Music.....Randy Williams
 PianoCynthia Laster
 Pledge.....Lora Lynn Christensen
 Guests Christine Curtis-Carr
 Cup Money\$33.75

In our prayers

Praise the Lord for the rain!
 Keep Gail Jay from the Greater Abilene club in your prayers. We received word that Gail had a mild heart attack on Saturday. She had one stent put in and is feeling much better.
 Remember Pat Lockett as she recovers from hip surgery and a broken ankle
 Remember Marilyn Goodin – she still has a long way to go toward full recovery from her stroke.
 Remember Dub Pritchett, John Landry, and Edith Smith. Remember Joan, wife of George Knight.

Guests

From the Kiwanis Club of Greater Abilene:
 Gary Jay

Program



The Kiwanis Singers from Reagan Elementary School, led by Alan Jones presented a wonderful music program on May 20th. The singers were 1st and 2nd graders. They entertained the crowd with several music selections including “Texas Is Its Name-O”, “It’s a Grand Old Flag” and “Deep in the Heart of Texas”. It was a real treat to hear these

ELIMINATE
 maternal/neonatal tetanus



Model Club Goal: \$71,250
 Percent of Goal Met: 40.3%
 Contributions: \$ \$28,706.60
 Zeller Fellows: 11
 Pledged Zellers: 12
 Model Club Members: 3
 Number of lives saved: 15,948 @ \$1.80 per shot series

young children sing from their hearts. The students presented roses to attendees in appreciation for our support to the school each year.



President Breed recognized Reagan counselor, LaMonica Newman, and presented her with \$1,500.00 in Pancake Dollars to help with student programs. Ms. Newman expressed her appreciation for the funds and for the ongoing support of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene. She highlighted those who help with the reading program in addition to the new B.U.G.s program which was introduced in the fall.

Mark Hoover honored Valedictorian and Salutatorian High School Seniors and their parents from Abilene High School, Cooper High School, Wylie High School, ATEMS, Premier High School and Abilene Christian High School. Each student was presented with a certificate in recognition of their accomplishments.

Abilene ISD

Acting Superintendent – Dr. Audra Ude

Abilene High School

Principal – Jennifer Raney
Valedictorian – Caleb Carter
Parents: Dr. Troy & Kathy Carter
Salutatorian – Bailey Griffin
Parents: Tim & Dina Griffin

Cooper High School

Principal – Dr. Karen Munoz
Valedictorian – Lavender Hackman
Parents: Laura Gutierrez & Norma Hackman
Salutatorian – William Flanagan
Parents: Corby & Diana Flanagan

ATEMS

Principal – Dr. Ketta Garduno
Valedictorian – Liam Harlan
Parents: John & Lindsey Harlan
Salutatorian – Cheydon Brewster
Parents: Bart & Lindsey Brewster; Mila Brewster

Wylie ISD

Superintendent – Joey Light

Wylie High School

Principal – Tommy Vaughn
Valedictorian – Kirsten Mcdonough
Parents: Dr. Paul & Kristina Mcdonough
Salutatorian – Jenni English
Parent: Luci English

Premier High School

Principal – Sue Pond
Valedictorian – Shaniya Phillips
Parent: Gerald Phillips
Valedictorian – Hailey Woehl
Parent: Kate Woehl
Salutatorian – Michael Davis-Arp
Parents: William & Kayte Arp

Abilene Christian High School

Valedictorian – Darby Mcgee
Salutatorian – Nesta Lenhert Scholer

He then awarded Foundation scholarships to four worthy students based upon the application material they submitted to us. Each scholarship is worth \$1,000.00. He shared that we received more

than 50 applications for this award and that each applicant completed a very detailed application packet. Those students receiving scholarships were:

Nancy Phan is a graduate of Abilene High School with a GPA of 4.0 and ranked 27 in her class out of 394 students. She has been a member of the National Honor Society since 2012 and a member of the National Technical Honor Society since last November. She has been a member of HOSA, the Health Occupation Students of America, for four years and has achieved 25 hours of HOSA community service. She is president of the orchestra class, has earned top marks for solo and ensemble performances in state competition, has participated in the All Region Orchestra for four years, and is presently playing in the Harden-Simmons University Orchestra. Community service includes 45 hours of work at Hendrick Medical Center and she is a member of the Key Club. She is also certified as a Nurse's Assistant. She plans to attend the University of Texas, pursuing a career to become a doctor in General Surgery. She eventually wants to join Doctors without Borders.

Lucas Riggs is a graduate of ATEMS High School with a GPA of 100.75 and ranked 3rd in his class of 66. He is a member of the National Honor Society, and a band officer his senior year. Rather than take it easy this last year, Lucas has taken three AP courses including Calculus, English, and Art History. He also took a senior level engineering course, Spanish, band, and a course designed to develop his senior computer programming project. He plays the flute and recently learned to play the alto sax so he could play in the AHS Jazz Band. He has participated Toys for Tots, HEB Feat of Sharing, Mission Thanksgiving, and Habitat for Humanity. In addition to doing all this, he works an average of 35 hours a week at his after school job. He has an incredible work ethic. Lucas plans to attend Texas A & M University pursuing a degree in Computer Engineering.

Ashley Cunningham is a graduate of Merkel High School with a GPA of 98.6 and a class ranking of 2nd out of 67 students. She is a member of the National Honor Society currently serving as President. She has served as Sophomore class President, and Junior and Senior class Vice President. She was the Homecoming Queen this year, a Fellowship of Christian Athlete member including President this year, and received numerous academic recognitions throughout her high school years. She has played Basketball and run Cross Country for four years, and she has worked on the yearbook staff for two

years. Among her volunteer work and community involvement, she has put in time at a local daycare, time at a local craft activity at the library, worked at vacation bible school for six years, collected food and coats for Love & Care Ministries, read to elementary students, and helped at the local food pantry. Ashley plans to attend Texas Tech University's School of Nursing with a goal to eventually earn her Master's Degree and become a Nurse Practitioner. She wants to serve others and have a positive impact on other people's days who need encouragement.

Chelsey Medina, who could not be present, is a graduate of Cooper High School with a GPA of 93.14 and a class ranking of 96 out of 419 students – the top 23% of her class. She is a member of National Honor Society and Student Council President. She has received the Scottish Rite Award for AF JROTC as well as the Air Force Association Award. She is Student Council Body President for this year. Some of her extracurricular / volunteer activities include Special Olympics coach for 4 years, PALS, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Leader for 4 years, Toys for Tots, Meals on Wheels, intern at her church for 2 years, and a VBS volunteer. She has participated in two mission trips: one to Uganda for 4 weeks and another to the Bahamas for 2 weeks. Chelsey plans to attend Texas State University to pursue a degree in Special Education. Her goal in life, she wrote, is to one day go to Africa and teach special education opening up an orphanage for special needs children.

Mark concluded with the following: "All of you young people today, clearly have demonstrated your commitment to excellence and in doing so, you have demonstrated your ability to achieve great success in your lives as you strive for being the best you can be for whatever you choose to do. The Kiwanis Club of Abilene salutes each one of you and wishes you absolute continued success in your journey of life."

Congratulations Students!

KIWANIANS: LOVE IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMEMBER

Division 35 Prayer Breakfast this week: The annual Prayer Breakfast will take place again this year Bobbie and Bernice Wolfe's Barn. The address is 24 Avenida De Silva, Abilene TX 79602. Coffee will be ready at 6:30am on Thursday May 28th. This is always such a wonderful time of fellowship. Please make plans to join us as we recognize the Layperson

of the year for Division 35.

B.U.G.S

The final B.U.G.'s presentation for the year will be held at 2:00 on Tuesday May 26th at Reagan Elementary. Awards will be presented for student accomplishments during the 5th and 6th six weeks of the school year and an ice cream party will follow to celebrate the success of students. Come Join the FUN!

WELCOME BACK



Welcome back returning member Ronny Mason. Ronny withdrew his membership from Kiwanis for a short while but is back. His sponsor is Donna King. President Jamie expressed appreciation to Ronny and Donna for their volunteer spirit.

New Member Orientation

New Member Orientation Tuesday June 2nd, 6:00pm at Martinez Boys and Girls Club, 1301 Clinton Street – anyone who has not attended this training or would like a refresher course on all things Kiwanis is encouraged to attend! We especially hope to see new members who have joined us this year. In case you do not know who they are, new members joining since October 1, 2014 are listed below:

Rob B. Chastain
Sara A. Collins
Tammi Faught
Ellen Jones
John R. Landry, Sr.
Ronny R. Mason
Wendy Morgan
Monroe Nevels
Rodney O. Weeks
Kyle Wiskow

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the annual Friends of the Library Book Sale June 15-21. Signup sheets will be on the tables this week with a letter describing the different volunteer activities. Volunteers will get the first shopping time on Thursday, June 14 from 1-4pm.

CALENDAR

- May 28th – Division 35 Annual Prayer Breakfast at 6:30am – Bobbie and Bernice Wolfe's Barn
- June 2 – Club Satellite meeting 6 pm at Martinez Boys and Girls Club site, 1301 Clinton St. –Includes New Member Orientation

- June 9th – Division 35 Council Meeting 6:00 pm, Al's Mesquite Grill
- June 18th – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon Bogies Sandwich Shop
- 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>

SPIRITUAL AIMS



Remember those
who served ~
All gave some,
some gave all.

By Laquiana Gantt

As we go about our day with picnics, family gatherings, shopping, or whatever the case may be, let us stop and remember. On this Memorial Day, let us remember those who have fallen. Let us reflect on the brave men and women who gave their lives fighting for our freedom. May we not forget how blessed we are to have such men and women who will literally put their life on the line for me and for you. As I reflect on this day, I can't help but to remember our Savior, who gave the ultimate gift, by laying down his life and washing away our sins. Let us never forget his sacrifice and but more importantly his resurrection which gives us hope for tomorrow. "Remember those who served – All gave some, some gave all."

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Kimberley Cole - Foundation Advisor

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Clinton Nix

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Marty Anderson
Cynthia Laster
Gary Poynor
John Snapp
Ashley Larry

VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN CEREMONY



Valedictorians and Salutatorians: (L to R)

Jenni English, WHS Salutatorian, Kirsten McDonough, WHS Valedictorian; Shaniya Phillips and Hailey Woehl Premier High School Co-Valedictorians; Liam Harlan, ATEMS Valedictorian, Cheydon Brewster, ATEMS Salutatorian; Caleb Carter, AHS Valedictorian; Lavender Hackman, CHS Valedictorian, William Flanagan, AHS Salutatorian

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Lucas Riggs of ATEMS High School



Nancy Dung Phan of Abilene High School



Ashley Cunningham of Merkel High School