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## SAM FERGUSON: MCM DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, August 5th



Sam Ferguson assumed the role as McMurry's Director of Athletics on April 28, 2014. Ferguson came to McM from Averett University in Danville, Virginia.

At McM, Ferguson oversees the War Hawks' 19-sport intercollegiate program. Ferguson has had an immediate positive impact on McMurry's athletics department. Some of his accomplishments during his inaugural year included an exclusive apparel deal with Russell Athletic, organizing a new booster club, an exclusive bus transportation contract, revamping the school's season ticket plan and a new radio deal which gives the War Hawks' teams better local exposure and coverage (as well as worldwide access via the web). McMurry's fund-raising golf outing also enjoyed its best results in 2015.

McMurry scholar-athletes also flourished under Ferguson's leadership, with 45 percent attaining a 3.0 grade point average in the fall and 41 percent doing so in the spring. A total of 142 scholastic awards were earned by War Hawks, as well, in 2014-15. Additionally, McMurry Athletics has engaged in a comprehensive community outreach program under Ferguson, featuring a relationship with Abilene's Adaptive Recreation Center clients.

Ferguson served as Averett University's director of athletics for five years from 2006-2011, supervising a 14-team athletics department that included approximately 300 student-athletes and nearly 40 full and part-time employees. Ferguson also oversaw an era of increased visibility for the Averett athletics program, with student-athletes and coaches active in the community by volunteering more than 12,000 community service hours from 2007-2012.

Ferguson also served as Averett's director of annual giving programs and got his start in athletics in 2000, as Averett's first full-time sports information director. He was very active in the community, serving on the executive committee of both the local Big Brothers Big Sisters and Habitat for Humanity board of directors.

The 1997 Averett alumnus was a two-year member of the institution's golf and basketball teams. Ferguson earned a Master of Science degree in Sports Management from Nova Southeastern University in 2006.

Ferguson is married to the former Kimberly Parker, who is an elementary school teacher. The couple resides in Abilene and are members of Aldersgate United Methodist Church.



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**KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE**  
 Weekly Meeting  
 July 29th, 2015  
 Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting .....	Jamie Breed
Prayer .....	George Knight
Music.....	Charles Kirkpatrick
Piano .....	Lora Lynn Christensen
Pledge.....	Melvin Martin
Guests.....	Tammi Faught
Brag Money .....	\$3.00 (Rob Chastain)
Cup Money .....	\$32.17

**In our prayers**

Lt. Governor Will Smith had a heart attack on July 26th. He has had two stents put in and is now at home. Remember Will and Edith in prayer. Remember Marilyn Goodin – she still has a long way to go toward full recovery from her stroke.

Remember Dub Pritchett, John Landry and Palmer McCowan. Remember Joan, wife of George Knight. Remember the family of Bill Chaney, former member and past president who recently passed away. Pray for students and educators as they return to school soon.

**Guests**

Guest.....	Member Sam Ferguson
	Glyn Hammons

**Program**

President Jamie Breed presented an update from the Kiwanis International Convention. Jamie and Club Secretary Faye Dodson were our delegates to the convention this year in Indianapolis – Kiwanis International’s 100th year celebration! Jamie shared pictures from the event including their tour of the Kiwanis International office. She described many of the events that took place during the convention. The opening and closing ceremonies were amazing! It was exciting to meet fellow Kiwanians from all over the world as we all came together with Key Club International and Circle K International to celebrate 100 years of Kiwanis! We were blessed to meet Susan Petrisin, incoming President of Kiwanis International. Susan is the first female president for Kiwanis International and served as Governor of the Michigan District at the same time that our own Nancy Miller served as Governor of the Tx-Ok District. Jamie also shared updates from the business meeting. New Officers are President, Susan Petrisin, President-Elect, Jane Erikson, and Vice

**ELIMINATE**  
 maternal/neonatal tetanus



Model Club Goal: \$71,250
Percent of Goal Met: 45.3%
Contributions: \$32,256.60
Zeller Fellows: 13
Pledged Zellers: 11
Model Club Members: 3
Number of lives saved: 17,920 @ \$1.80 per shot series

President, James Rochford. She also communicated the elected trustees. For a complete update of officers, resolutions and amendments, check out the following Kiwanis International link:

<http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanis100/centennial-events/2015-convention/amendments-and-resolutions-proposals>

The most pressing amendment was a dues increase to \$52.00 per year per member (up from \$42) for our area which was approved and will be effective October 1, 2015.

We also received exciting news about the Eliminate Project, our Kiwanis international project to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus, at the convention. President of Key Club International, Maria Palazzolo, announced that Key Club International is making a \$3,000,000.00 pledge to the Eliminate Project! Kiwanis Club International President John Bunton announced the milestone of \$91,000,000.00 being reached in cash and pledges for the Eliminate Project with the help of the Key Club Pledge and the recently announced matching program by the Canadian Government, UNICEF Canada and the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada! Together we are going to reach that goal! Jamie expressed appreciation to the club for allowing Faye and her to attend this wonderful convention!

Jamie turned the program over to Immediate Past President, Mark Hoover, who presented an update on Club Dues. Mark gave a history of our dues structure and the events that have occurred that necessitate an increase in dues at this time. Those events include in part an increase in the meals by the Abilene Country Club and an increase in our Kiwanis International dues that was approved at the Convention. President Jamie asked Mark to work closely with Treasurer Tim Adcock and others to

bring a recommendation to the Board for a revised dues structure that will allow our club to remain financially viable and to sustain us as we move forward. With those goals in mind, the following dues structure was approved unanimously by the Board of Directors to be brought to the club for a vote with a proposed effective date of October 1:

1. Regular Member current dues \$60 month, increase to \$72.00 per month (\$12 increase)
2. Senior Status/Associate Member current dues \$25.50, increase to \$33.00 per month (\$7.50 increase)
3. Club Satellite current dues \$13.00, increase to \$16.00 per month (\$3.00 increase)
4. Life Time Members current dues \$48.62 per month, increase to \$62.00 per month (\$13.38 increase).

Our club will vote on this proposed dues structure at the August 12th meeting. Please contact President Jamie, Past President Mark or any of our board members or club officers if you have any questions or concerns about these proposed changes in our dues.

Jamie expressed appreciation to both Mark Hoover and Tim Adcock for their work and efforts on this project.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ELIMINATE Opportunity

We need silent auction items for the Tx-Ok Convention! Proceeds for items sold will go toward the Eliminate project and funds raised from auction items brought by each club will go toward that club's Eliminate goal! This week is your last opportunity to bring items for the auction! Jamie will carry them with her to the Convention on Thursday. With your help, we can make a difference!

### Club Satellite Meeting

Location Change for August Meeting! As you know the July meeting was cancelled due to the weather. It has been rescheduled for August 4th at Lee Elementary- Lee club at 4610 N 10th. It will be a social for our entire club (including Wed members) so please bring a dish to share. Bring your family, children and friends!

## CALENDAR

- August 4th – Club Satellite – 6:00 pm Lee

Elementary 4610 N 10th – Pot Luck for all Kiwanians

- August 7 – 9th 2015 – Tx/Ok Convention – Texarkana, TX
- August 11th – Division 35 Council Meeting 6:00 pm, Al's Mesquite Grill
- August 20th – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon Bogies Sandwich Shop

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

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

### Kiwanis Through the Years: 1970

- Lt. Gov. Wallace Moritz of San Angelo installed the officers for the new year.
- Nib Shaw and his Golden Anniversary Committee made up of Bert Chapman, Garvin Beauchamp, Jerome Vannoy, Sid Pass, Henry McGinty, and Neil Daniel met to continue making plans for the Club's 50th anniversary observance in 1971.
- Operation Drug Alert is the major new movement being undertaken by Kiwanis for the year 1969-70. A 16 page booklet entitled "Deciding About Drugs has been published for use with the educational endeavor. A special task force has been organized in our club to coordinate the O.D.A. program. The four Kiwanis Clubs in Abilene will work together to accomplish our goals.
- The Vocational Guidance Committee published an AREA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTORY for the use of the counselors in the high schools. It has been received with much enthusiasm. It was started in 1968 and has been updated.
- Abilene State School was appropriated \$100 for the annual Christmas party. Code of Ethics Plaques were purchased to be presented to every new member. The usual \$200 was approved to kick off the Goodfellow campaign at Thanksgiving time.
- The Program Committee this year is made up of Dr. Joe Humphrey, Chairman. Garvin Beauchamp, Ed Wishcamper, Neil Daniel, J. C. McCurdy, Jack Dean, and John Fielder.
- The New Member Honor Roll continues to be published in the Kiwanigram.
- Bill Williams continues to lead the singing as he has now done for several years. Bill is the Asst. Supt. At Abilene State School.



## SPIRITUAL AIMS

In 1982, my wife gave birth to a beautiful little baby boy. We named him Justin. I was so proud. Actually, before he was even born I left the hospital and went home to make phone calls. We lived on N.18th street right across from Hendrick Hospital. The pay phone at the hospital was out-of-order. You remember, those black boxes on the wall that you put coins in. Anyway, I almost missed the birth. When I walked back into labor and delivery Gaye Lynn looked at me and said, "where have you been?" The doctor said push and into delivery we went. He was a perfect little boy. I bought cigars, probably cheap ones since I'm no expert on cigars, and gave them to all our male friends whether they smoked or not. When I think back on it, all the phone calls we made, all the cigars I gave out, went to friends and family. People we knew cared and would be excited for us. God did the same thing when

*By Randy Williams*

Jesus was born. He announced Jesus' birth to the shepherds who had been awaiting the Messiah for centuries. He picked rightly because they went directly to find Jesus. And by them, the word spread. God could have sent a choir of angels to the leaders in Jerusalem but He decided to choose receptive hearts. The leaders in Jerusalem would come to know of Jesus Christ soon enough. I believe that Kiwanis, and those who serve in such organizations, are pleasing to God. I believe that He would have us encourage more people to come along side of us and serve. But if we are truly going to Change the World, One Child and One Community at a Time, we must look for receptive hearts. Are you excited about Kiwanis? We only become enthused to share when we are passionate about the message. Think about the excitement of the Shepherds to have found the baby Jesus and go out with that attitude.



(left to right)

Melvin Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance, Tammi Faught introduced our guests, and George Knight led the opening prayer.



President Jamie Breed presented a report on the Kiwanis International Convention.



Mark Hoover presented a detailed explanation of the new dues structure being proposed by the Board of Directors.



Sam Ferguson was a guest of Glyn Hammons.

## KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE

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