

# KIWANIGRAM

The Kiwanis Club of Abilene



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## JUDGE DOWNING BOLLS: LOCAL VENUE TAX

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, August 19th



Judge Downing Bolls was elected to the office of Taylor County Judge in 2010. As County Judge, Downing serves on numerous committees including the Taylor County Juvenile Board, Mental Health Task Force, Abilene/Taylor County Venue Tax Board, Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, Chamber of Commerce Communications Committee, Child Advocacy Center, Taylor County Bail Bonds Board, Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the Abilene/Taylor County Venue Tax Board.

This week Judge Bolls will tell us about the local Venue Tax, how it got started, and how those funds are distributed each year.



Jamie Breed  
President



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Vice President



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**KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE**  
 Weekly Meeting  
 August 12th, 2015  
 Abilene Country Club



Led Meeting .....	Jamie Breed
Prayer .....	Chris Carnohan
Music.....	Russell Berry
Piano .....	Tim Adcock
Pledge.....	Gary Bomar
Guests.....	Bill Hoogstra
Cup Money .....	\$34.00

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

**In our prayers**

Continue to pray for Gracie Carroll in the loss of her husband, Sam.

Prayer praise: Lt. Governor Will Smith was at the meeting last week! He will start cardiac rehab soon and will have some follow-up from a recent sleep study.

Remember Jeff and Marilyn Goodin as he recovers from recent surgery and she continues to recover from a stroke.

Remember Dub Pritchett, John Landry and Palmer McCowan (he recently returned to Abilene from his treatments in Houston!) as well as Monroe Nevels and Kirby Leeson who both recently had surgery.

Remember Joan, wife of George Knight. Pray for students and educators as they return to school soon.

**Guests**

Guest.....	Member
Paula Clowdus .....	Julie Wagner
Sandra Reddell .....	Kimberley Cole

**Program**

Jay Moore presented a fantastic program on August 12th. Jay shared very interesting Abilene History for the 1950's time period. We learned that the population of Abilene doubled from 45,000 in 1950 to 90,000 in 1960 and Abilene went from 11 square miles to 62 square miles in that time period.

He told us about Woodson Junior and Senior High School that opened in 1953. In May of 1954 the Supreme Court ruled that segregated schools were unequal and violated the 14th amendment. In Abilene, 429 students and 12 teachers need to be added to the 9,000 in the all-white schools.

He shared how television came to Abilene and we learned that KRBC became a reality in 1953.

It was fun to learn about a visit from an Abilene, Kansas couple in 1955. They were dubbed Mr. & Mrs. Abilene, Kansas and came for a three day Abilene, Texas vacation.

Abilene celebrated our 75th birthday in 1956. Celebrations included a re-enactment of the only hanging ever carried out in Taylor County and men growing beards. There was also a big outdoor party, but it wasn't held on our actual birthday of March 15th because it was as cold as could be that day. He communicated it was so cold that an American golden eagle apparently flying south had parked overnight in a tree on Lou Davis' ranch. The eagle woke to find his wings frozen still. A cowboy plucked him from his perch and brought the eagle to town! The community made him a cage, hauled him off to the zoo, and he became a live mascot of AHS – dubbed as Champ.

The entire program was very entertaining and of course exceptional!

President Jamie Breed thanked Jay for the great program and communicated we would make a donation in his honor to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene Foundation to help fund scholarships for students.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Calling All Kiwanians!**

The new Kiwanis Year begins on October 1, 2015 and President Elect Christine Curtis-Carr is busy making preparations. Please let her know what committee you are interested in serving on. Everyone is needed so if you have a special "hearts desire", please let her know.

## Dues Increase:

The club voted UNANIMOUSLY last week to approve the new dues structure proposed by the Board of Directors on July 29th. The new dues will go into effect OCTOBER 1 and are as follows:

Regular Members - \$72; Senior/Associate Members - \$33; Club Satellite/Leave of Absence Members - \$16; and Lifetime Members - \$62. Special THANKS to Mark Hoover and Tim Adcock for their diligence in taking on this unpleasant but necessary task to present a dues structure that will assure our club can continue to grow and thrive in the days and years to come!

## New Members!

Randy Roewe was introduced to the club by his sponsor, David Jones. He is the Chief Risk Officer for First Financial Bank, is married and has one daughter who attends ACU. Randy, a former Kiwanian, is eager to become involved in Kiwanis again. John and Suzette Miller were introduced to the club by their sponsor, Will Smith. Both are new Club Satellite Members. John serves works at Dyess AFB as a Domestic Abuse Advocate and Suzette is in the USAF, Department of Defense. WELCOME to Randy, John and Suzette!

## Free tickets!

Thanks to Sam Ferguson, Athletic Director for McMurry, our club members have been offered free tickets to the McMurry/Southwestern football game on Saturday, September 12. Sign up sheets will be available at the meetings for the next three weeks.

## Gumball Report

King Earl Williams presented gumball money for June and July. Totals for June were \$254.90 and for July \$431.04! That new total is \$266,119.02! Thank you King Earl!

## Special Awards

Lt. Governor-Elect Melvin Martin and President Jamie shared two special awards that were announced for members of our club at the recent Texas Oklahoma District Convention in Texarkana.

Melvin presented The Gift of Kiwanis Award – Silver Level to Lt. Governor Will Smith for recognition of his bringing in 5 or more members to Kiwanis this year. Jamie read a letter to Will from Kiwanis International President Dr. John Button conveying his congratulations to Will on the award, and Melvin presented gifts from Dr. Button to Will including a certificate and a beautiful lapel pin. Will was one of

two Lieutenant Governors to receive this award at the Convention. Congratulations Will!

Jamie presented the following certificate to the club:



She then presented a certificate to Charles Kirkpatrick from the Texas Oklahoma District as Webmaster of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene's winning website, an award he has received for the past three years! In addition to the beautiful certificate, Charles also received a \$100 gift card to the Kiwanis International store. Jamie reminded the club how fortunate we are to have Charles' wonderful talents and dedication to Kiwanis in maintaining our website and Facebook page, taking quality pictures of our programs for the Kiwanigram every week, and for keeping us in the public eye by regularly submitting pictures to the Abilene Reporter News. THANK YOU, CHARLES and congratulations on a job well done!

## Backpacks for Kids!

Each club received several backpacks at the Texas Oklahoma District Convention to fill with items and donate to needy children. Please plan to bring items for the backpacks this week or make a donation for us to purchase items for them. Suggested items are toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks, spiral notebook, pencils, pens, crayons, hand sanitizer, lip balm, shampoo/conditioner, comb and brush, etc.

## Texas Oklahoma Convention Report

This week we will have a brief report about the 97th TO District Convention held in Texarkana August 6-8. Those from our club who attended were Lt. Governor-Elect Melvin Martin, President Jamie Breed, President-Elect Christine Curtis-Carr, LaQuiera Gantt (delegate), Gary Poynor (new Aktion Club

sponsor), Amanda Wiskow (alternate), Brandon Carr (alternate), and Nancy Miller (voter at-large).

## CALENDAR

- August 20th – Board Meeting – 12:00 noon Bogies Sandwich Shop
- September 1 – Club Satellite – 6:00 pm Martinez Boys and Girls Club
- September 8 – Division 35 Council Meeting 6:00 pm, Al's Mesquite Grill

## Kiwanis Through the Years: 1952

- Bailey Choate of Sweetwater is serving as Lt. Gov of Division XII for the year 1952. He installed the officers of the Abilene Club.
- A new Club Directory listing the names, addresses and phone numbers was distributed on Jan. 2, 1952.
- The Wishing Well for Polio Drive was manned by Kiwanians. This activity is the responsibility of the Youth Services Committee of the Abilene Kiwanis Club.
- Emphasis is being put on the members to pay their poll tax and to get their friends and neighbors to do likewise.
- The club presented the Salvation Army with

recreation room equipment which included two ping-pong tables, volley ball and badminton sets and a shuffle board.

- The Board of Directors voted on Jan. 31, 1952 to underwrite as much as \$650 in equipment and improvements at the new Boy Scout Council Headquarters being built at 3325 South 11th St.
- Strong emphasis is placed on a perfect attendance record for every member. A list of those having perfect attendance is published each month in the Kiwanigram.
- Easter Seal Mailing is a new project for the club. Stuffing 25,000 envelopes was a big job.
- Division XII, led by Lt. Gov. Bailey Choate had a very successful Division Meeting and Ladies night on April 3. Mr. & Mrs. Jim Jennings hosted a reception at their home for Kiwanians and wives from Division XII in the afternoon before the dinner and meeting.
- Pancake Supper Kick-Off was April 9, 1952. Fifteen businesses have made gifts to be presented to high ticket sales Kiwanians. No dishwashing this year as paper plates, spoons & forks will be used. 5,365 tickets were sold which produced a net profit of \$2250.32.



Melvin Martin presented Will Smith with the Gift of Kiwanis Award (Silver Level) in recognition of promoting growth by sponsoring five or more new members.



Jamie Breed presented Charles Kirkpatrick with the 1st Place Award in the Kiwanis Texas-Oklahoma District's Club Website Contest.



Randy Roewe was inducted as a new member. David Jones is his sponsor.



John Miller was inducted as a member. Will Smith is his sponsor.



Paula Clowdus was a guest of Julie Wagner.



Sandra Reddell was a guest of Kimberley Cole.

## SPIRITUAL AIMS

This week we buried a good man. Judge Sam Carroll served in the U.S. Army for 30 yrs. He completed some 4 tours of duty in Vietnam. He gets on a bicycle and starts a race that will be his last. I'm sure that a terrible accident on a bicycle was the furthest thing from his imagination. We say, "How tragic. He was so young." Sam didn't see it coming and it just happened. Others see it coming. Like Randy Pausch who was a Professor at Carnegie Mellon University who was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer resulting in his life becoming measured in months rather than years. He gave a speech to his students called "The Last Lecture". In his speech he tried to tell his student what was truly important in life. I don't know what Sam would have done had he known that when he got on that bicycle, he would only have a couple weeks to live. I think, like Randy Pausch, he would have focused on the truly important things of life. In 2 Corinthians 5, the Apostle Paul says, "We're laboring now in an earthly tent that is passing away, but we have an eternal house in

*By Randy Williams*

the heavens. Therefore, we make it our aim to be well pleasing to Him, whether present or absent." We don't know if our remaining time on earth is measured in years, months, weeks, or even minutes. Our time is in His hands and our goal is to do all the good we can on our way out the tent. John Wesley said it like this, "O Lord, help me to do all the good I can, by all the means I can, in all the ways I can, in all the places I can, in all the times I can, to all the people I can as long as ever I can. Don't let the end of your life catch you by surprise. Live each moment to the full. Really, this sounds like how Kiwanians should be living. I this way we will "Change the World One Child and One Community at a Time". George Strait told us in a lyric of one of his songs: "It's not the breaths you take, the breathing in and out, that get you through the day, ain't what it's all about. You just might miss the point trying to win the race. Life's not the breaths you take, but the moments that take your breath away."

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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



You are cordially invited  
to attend a

**GRAND OPENING  
&  
RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY**

**Thursday, August 27, 2015**

**10:00 am**

**West Texas  
West Texas Lighthouse for the Blind  
1749 North 2nd Street  
Abilene, Texas**

**Guest Speaker**

**Congressman Randy Neugebauer  
19th District of Texas**

**Light refreshments will be served**