

Get To Know Smoky Hills PBS In Your Neighborhood

Meet our Board Randall

Smoky Hills PBS Board Member (Chair Emeritus)



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How long have you been a board member for SHPBS?

I came on the Board I think in 1987.

What is your favorite thing about SHPBS?

My favorite thing is the program quality overall. It is a pleasure to turn to PBS and see something educational, comical, or just entertaining!

What is your favorite thing about being involved with the station? Keeping it going and trying to shape programming to meet the needs of our viewing audience has always been important. On many occasions we had the pleasure of meeting lots of supporters of the station which is always a treat.

What is a fun fact about you? I am a musician -- love the Arts. I love to cook and do so for various events in the community. I practiced law for over 40 years until health forced retirement. I am a Lay Pastor. I love the farm, agriculture, community promotions, and love to interact with people in general.

Who/what inspired you most to get involved with a nonprofit such as Smoky Hills PBS?

When my children were small, we only had Nebraska Public Television available---the whole concept was quite new, but I saw the value in it by what my children learned from watching. When I found out about Smoky Hills being created and promoted, I wanted to be a part of it's development for the kids of Western Kansas!! At that time, our Kindergarten teacher told me she could tell every child who had grown up watching Public Television.

Thinking about the future, where do you hope to see the station in 5 years? To continue to grow and develop. We all know the whole concept of the media constantly changes, but one thing I hope never changes is the program quality and the value it has for our children, as it is priceless!!! We have to work with what is available to us but promotion of generated programs is important to our development and existence.

What is your favorite program that we air (current or past)?

Hard question to answer: I have always loved the Nature Programs but I do enjoy the music programs that are offered -- we have seen several "stars" develop through PBS promotions. I like the Agricultural Business segments, British comedies when available, all locally produced programming. Really, very little I do not like!!

Who is your favorite PBS KIDS character?

All of the Sesame Street Characters were good. My daughter learned to dial the phone at a very young age so it was quite routine for her to call me in the middle of the morning to tell me something that Big Bird, or Oscar did-----I saw the value in all of that at the time.