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Distinguished Kiwanian Award

Jim Abney began his association with Kiwanis in October of 1960 when he came to the Oscoda area as a navigator for the F-106 fighter jets stationed at Wurtsmith Air Force Base there. After retiring from the Air Force, he remained in the area as an agent for the New York Life Insurance Company and as a real estate agent until the time of his death.

As a member of the Kiwanis Club of Oscoda, he served two terms as president and was also Lieutenant Governor of Division 20. He served as chairman of many club projects and compiled a record of 23 years of perfect attendance. He was well known throughout Division 20 as a frequent visitor in neighboring Kiwanis groups while inter-clubbing with his home club.

Jim served 24 years as the Division 20 Trustee to the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation. He worked tirelessly for the Foundation and was particularly proud of having all clubs in his Division supporting the Foundation for several years. He also served as President of the Foundation in 1992-93 and again in 2006-07. Failing health caused him to relinquish his position as Trustee, and he died May 20, 2007, as he was leaving his final board meeting in Grand Rapids.

In addition to his membership in Kiwanis, Jim was active in many community activities and was deeply involved in the Oscoda Lutheran Church where he served as lay minister.