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VOICE STUDENTS **Hardin-Simmons University**

Six voice students from the studio of Dr. Lynette Chambers, assistant professor of voice, Hardin-Simmons University will present selections from several Rodgers and Hammerstein musicals, such as “State Fair” and “Oklahoma”. Soprano, mezzo-soprano, tenor and bass vocalists will please the audience with very familiar tunes. The students range from voice majors to students working on their masters in conducting at HSU. They will be accompanied by Lora Lynn Christensen.

WHAT A MEETING! February 22, 2006

CRAIG MACFARLANE **Motivational Speaker**

“Just a minor inconvenience”, rather than a handicap. That is how Craig MacFarlane described his vision. We all have so much to be thankful for in our lives that we don’t realize how fortunate we all are to have the gift of sight. The fact that Craig can not remember the beauty of a rainbows colors, a green tree blowing in the breeze on a sunny spring day or even the faces of those he loves the most has never stopped him. However, if it came right down to giving up all of the 103 gold medals in his life for a chance to see again he would do it.

Craig, blind since age two has “seen” the world and experienced things some of us could only imagine doing. He attended the world renowned School for the Blind in Brantford, Ontario, Canada where he began wrestling. At age 13 he had won his first blind national championship and in 1976 and 1980 he was the youngest member



of Canada’s blind Olympic team. He certainly is an accomplished athlete. In 1984 he was selected to be part of the Reagan-Bush team of campaign speakers and spoke that year at the Republican National Convention. He remains close to the former President Bush and will interview him and Barbara Bush this summer at Kennebunkport, Maine for a DVD that he is making for high schools across America.

Craig has attended Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada where he studied law and political science for one year. He also has passed the Series 7 and Series 63 securities licensing exams. Recorded and album and written a book about his life, titled “Inner Vision”.

This man has experienced so much in his own visual ways unlike those of us who take for granted a red car, yellow daffodil, or blue sky, and we wish him many continued Blessings.



OPENING CEREMONY FOR 2/22/06

President Gordon Dowell presided over the meeting. **Ken Poyner** led the singing and **Millie Braddy** played the piano. **Susan Moellinger** led the prayer, **Susan Moellinger** led the pledge and **Mac Sipe** introduced the program.

Prayer Requests

Roland Williams is having health problems.

Bill Alexander.

Polly Carnohan.

Gloria Fanous, her mother is in a coma.

John Fred Phillips is recovering from hip surgery.

Nelda Wallace.

Chester McAlpin.

Billy Clay.

Don't forget to pray for RAIN!

To those not mentioned, our prayers are still with you.

If you have a prayer request

please fill out a request form.

They are available each week

at the registration table.

SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE-A CHILDLIKE CONTENTMENT

I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me. Psalm 131:2

Small children have the ability to go with the moment, their imaginations seizing the opportunities of whatever little joys they happen upon. Nothing is too small or too insignificant for their wonder: a dandelion, a pile of crisp leaves, a tiny worm, or an unexplored mud puddle.

Watching children romp, you're reminded that play is their "work". Play is a time for unleashing imagination and creative energy. The heart of a child seems to embody all that God finds best about humankind. Maybe that's why David likened himself to a "weaned child," gladly deferring thoughts of things "too marvelous" for him to God. What greater image of contentment is there than that of a young child resting with complete trust on the shoulder of the one who loves him best?

You had my mother give birth to me. You made me trust you while I was just a baby. I have leaned on you since the day I was born; you have been my God since my mother gave me birth. Psalm 22:9-10

Prayer: Dear God, I am in awe of your presence everywhere. I will dance before your goodness and sing a song of gladness for your grace. In Jesus name Amen.

BIRTHDAYS –March

Caroline Lee 2

Merle Collins 3

Jarrell Young 4

ANNIVERSARIES--March

Nelda Wallace 2

Jerry Claxton 7

GUESTS FOR 2/22/06

Tom Dolan introduced the guests.

Jud Powell a former Kiwanian brought Kristi Gretillat and Tammie Jensen.

Paul Swinney was the guest of Bill Zavatson.

Larry Bevill was the guest of John Snapp.

David McWright was the guest of John Thomas.

Bill Yarborough was the guest of Billy Yarborough.

Luncheon Cup Money for February 22, 2006 was \$38.84

FARM RANCH EXPO

Those attending the Farm Ranch Expo-2-22-06 were:

Royce Manning, Ricki Brown, Doug Williamson, Dennis Laster, David Jones, Gary Bomar, Ray King, Donald McDonald, Bud Coke, Mark Young, Jarrell Young.

REMINDER

New Member Orientation will take place during the 3/8/06 meeting.

Also, by next week you will begin to notice our marketing program, the TV ads will feature a number of our Kiwanians.

THE OBJECTS OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL AND THIS CLUB ARE:

To give primacy to the human and spiritual, rather than the material values of life.

To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

To promote the adoption and application of higher social, business, and professional standards.

To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.

To provide, through this club, a more practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build a better community.

To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and good will.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

3/8/06-West Texas Rehabilitation Center-Scott Jameson

3/15/06-TBA

3/22/06-Pancake Day Kickoff!-Margaret Hoogstra

3/29/06-TBA

KIWANIS' CALENDAR OF EVENTS

K-University-Dallas-March 4, 2006: International President Steve Simmons

Texas/Oklahoma District Convention at Sea-8/17-8/21 2006

MEMBERSHIP

Sponsor a member and get your name on this list!

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Date</u>
J. R. Velasco	David Jones	10/26/05
Caroline Lee	Gordon Dowell	11/16/05
Robert Burch	Kenny Smith	12/7/05
John Thomas	Doug Williamson	12/14/05
David Bacon	Donald McDonald	12/28/05
Gary Mock	Bill Clark	1/08/06
Casey Metts	Don Williams	2/1/06
Donovan Henderson	James Hallmark	2/15/06

BOARD MEETING REMINDER

The Kiwanis Board will meet at Briarstone, 12:00 noon, Thursday, March 9th. Everyone is invited to attend. Don't forget **new members** can have a ribbon cut by attending this meeting.

NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Kiwanians:

Thank you so much for your generous contribution of \$500 to Harmony Family Services to benefit the children and youth served by Harmony Family Services. Your continued support and commitment to Harmony's mission of providing care and assistance for hurting children and families is deeply appreciated!

Jamie Breed

Executive Director

COMMUNITY NEWS

Abilene Christian University Centennial Speaker Series--

Kathleen Norris is an award winning poet, writer and the author of several *New York Times* bestsellers.

Monday, February 27th at 7:30 p.m., Hart Auditorium, ACU Campus.

Basketball may have "March Madness", but **Ben Richey Boys Ranch** has its own "March Gladness", and we are encouraged to be a part of it. Mark **Saturday March 4th** on your calendars. It's the **Fifth Annual Tribute to Youth** benefit for the Ranch, it will air on KTAB-TV from 8:00 p.m.-10: p.m. This is a major fundraising event! Your pledge to help give youngsters the spiritual, educational, and social tools to become outstanding young men may be sent in, in advance.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

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