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DISABILITY RESOURCES, INCORPORATED **Robert Vargas**

Robert Vargas, President and CEO of Disability Resources, Incorporated, is a native Texan and graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso. He holds a graduate degree in teaching from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan. He was a special education teacher in El Paso and until his move served as adjunct instructor at Collin County Community College. He has served as executive director of the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater North Texas and United Cerebral Palsy of Metropolitan Dallas, Inc. Robert is a Certified Fund Raising Executive and served as president of the Dallas Association of Fundraising Executives Dallas Chapter. He has also served on the boards of other community organizations. Robert and his wife Rosa Maria are looking forward to establishing deep roots in Abilene, since arriving here in August of 2005.

Robert will be discussing how DRI has developed a unique approach to creating economic opportunities for its residents and others who live in the Abilene community. The work program has elements of entrepreneurship, production efficiency and pure hard work. DRI works with 12 entrepreneurs to produce 17 products creating job opportunities to its program participants who in turn earn income and pay taxes.

WHAT A MEETING! March 8, 2006

WEST TEXAS REHABILITATION CENTER **Scott Jameson**

The "C-Leg". The world's first Micro Processor Controlled Hydraulic Stance and Swing Phase Prosthetic System.

Scott Jameson, Co, Lo, Director of Orthotics and Prosthetics, accompanied by his wife Amanda and Deonna Galbraith discussed the numerous services offered to patients that are referred to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Focusing his presentation on the "C-LEG" (computer leg) he noted that The "C-Leg" is for an above the knee amputee, costing approximately \$60,000.00 and that the first C-Leg course was held in Minneapolis in 1999.

Scott discussed problems with a conventional design, stability was dependent on alignment or the patient would tumble over, the patient had to be conscious of positioning and the patient had to use their limited muscle strength and weight bearing techniques to control the prosthesis.

The C-Leg is connected to a computer which then programs the patients gait pattern because each person walks differently. This means that the patient can walk with less concentration; it reduces energy consumption when the patient walks offering a feeling of more security during ordinary walking and being more stable on uneven surfaces. A patient can descend stairs and slopes step over step, change walking speeds and have the prosthesis keep up with them. A patient may also walk with less compensation, making biking, skiing, skating and riding all wonderful activities to participate in.

Scott's pictures and knowledge made understanding this technology very easy to do. A leg that can anticipate and adjust to moves is simply amazing whether it costs 60,000.00 or not!



OPENING CEREMONY FOR 3/8/06

President Gordon Dowell presided over the meeting. **Don Scargall** led the singing and **Millie Braddy** played the piano. **Doug Williamson** led the prayer, **Ted Ho** led the pledge and **James Hallmark** introduced the program.

Prayer Requests

Bill Alexander.

Gloria Fanous' mother.

Nelda Wallace.

Chester McAlpin.

Billy Clay.

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

SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE – QUESTIONS AND DOUBTS

Sustain me according to your promise, and I will live: do not let my hopes be dashed. Psalm 119:116

In the utter stillness of a cavern deep underground, a single drop of water falls onto the surface of a small pond—and then another and another and another. With time, the pond swells until the entire chamber is underwater. Doubt enters your life in the same way—one drop at a time.

When you experience loss or disappointment, it is natural for you to have questions and experience doubt. But you can bring your questions and doubts to God. He will help you resolve your doubts and find the peace you seek. It may take longer than you expect for the answers to come, but they will come. You can know God's true and lasting peace as you allow your doubts to flow out into the river of God's love.

When doubts filled my mind, your comfort gave me renewed hope and cheer. Psalm 94:19

Prayer: God, I bring my questions and doubts to you, and I trust that you will sustain me, for my hope is in you. In Jesus name, Amen

BIRTHDAYS –March

David Bacon 19

ANNIVERSARIES-March

Fred Aycock 16

Billy Clay 20

GUESTS FOR 3/8/06

Russell Berry introduced the guests.

Jim Mattke was a guest from Nevada, Iowa.

Shirley Calhoun was the guest of Jim Mattke from Nevada, Iowa.

Zelma Wade was the guest of Grady Jolly.

Ralph Hoover was the guest of Clarence Presswood.

Kevin Christian was the guest of Jerry Harris.

Bobbi Bieberly, Carl Brown, Lorne Sutherlin and John Landers were guest from the Greater Abilene Club.

Luncheon Cup Money for March 8, 2006 was \$49.61

MARKETING

Have you seen our commercials? Watch TV closely as members are promoting our club. The ad in the newspaper has already caught the eye of Kiwanians from Iowa. You can help too. Tell everyone you know how wonderful it is to be a Kiwanian. Bring them to a meeting.

PANCAKE DAY KICKOFF

It is time to gear up for PANCAKE DAY. Please come and find out what team you are on and pick up your tickets. This will be an exciting event. You will meet your team leaders and find out about our goals this year. WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!

(You have to come to see what in the world this year's theme is! It's Top Secret!)

Note: IHOP will once again be our sponsor.

ORIENTATION



New member orientation was held during the meeting this week. Marcus Anderson arranged the program with the following speakers: Margaret Hoogstra, Henry McGinty, Chris Carnohan, Kristen Carnohan, Nancy Miller and Ken Poyner. There were 19 members present.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Sheila Watts reminded us that it is scholarship time again. The deadline is April 1st. Applications are at the schools already and will be available at the Wednesday meetings as well as by contacting the Club office.

K-UNIVERSITY

This program was attended by Gordon Dowell and Nancy Miller this past week. It was an outstanding program offered by Kiwanis International. International President Steve Siemens was in attendance, "Visualize or Fossilize" was his opening topic. There were workshops in the morning and afternoon. The day closed with a presentation by Steve Siemens on the "Power of a Dream".

FUTURE PROGRAMS

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

3/29/06-Dr. Sam Brinkman-Abilene Neuro-Psychology Clinic.

KIWANIS' CALENDAR OF EVEN

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	1/18/06
Casey Metts	Don Williams	2/1/06
Donovan Henderson	James Hallmark	2/15/06
Tonia Lovelady	Kelly Jones	3/8/06
Alex Rose	John Thomas	3/8/06

Tonia Lovelady was inducted into the Club this week. Tonia is married to Emmet and has two children. Tonia is a Treasury Management Officer with First Financial Bank.



Alex Rose was also inducted into the Club this week. Alex is the Owner/Operator of Network Abilene.



We welcome them both and look forward to working with them.

President's Challenge: **membership Growth**

A challenge to you to help the Kiwanis Club of Abilene

There are rewards:

March 1st to April 19th

The rules are the same as last time, except, you will get to choose the restaurant that you want the \$25.00 gift certificate for. Let's see who else would like to become a Kiwanian.

DIVISION 35 COUNCIL MEETING

The Division 35 Council Meeting will be held at the Spaghetti Warehouse, in the Mall of Abilene, 6:30pm Tuesday, March 28th.

NOTES OF THANKS

Thank you for your support of the Merkel FFA Stock Show.
Your support helps make our future endeavors successful.

INTERCLUB-Greater Abilene-3/2/06

Pat Lee, Clarence Presswood, Jimmie Monhollon, Lake Monhollon, Pam McGrew

INTERCLUB -North Abilene-3/3/06

Van Boozer, Anthony Brown, Lynn Lee, Bill Hoogstra, Caroline Lee

COMMUNITY NEWS

Abilene Chamber of Commerce **BUSINESS EXPO** 2006 will be March 22nd from 9am-5pm at the Abilene Civic Center. Admission is \$2.00

7th **Annual Champion for Children Luncheon** will be held on April 7th, 12-1:30pm at the Abilene Civic Center. The luncheon will be catered by Sharon's Barbeque and costs \$15.00 per person.

Those attending need to RSVP by 5pm on March 31st to Danette Cummings at 691-8214.

SOMETHING ELSE

Please take note of the new email address for the Club. This is very important!

Kiwanis@AbileneKiwanis.org

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

2005-2006 OFFICERS

<i>Gordon Dowell</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Margaret Hoogstra</i>	<i>President-Elect</i>
<i>David Jones</i>	<i>Vice-President</i>	<i>Ricki Brown</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Carl Lockett</i>	<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Kimberley Cole</i>	<i>Foundation Treasurer</i>
<i>Clarence Presswood</i>	<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Nell Sims</i>	<i>Secretary</i>
<i>Bill Hoogstra</i>	<i>Immediate Past President</i>	<i>Henry McGinty</i>	<i>Assistant Secretary</i>

2005-2006 DIRECTORS

TWO YEARS

Russell Berry
Lora Lynn Christensen
Dennis Laster
Guinn Smith
Sheila Watts

ONE YEAR

Gloria Fanous
Kelly Jones
Ken Lenoir
Lorin Watson
Doug Williamson

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