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57th Annual Kiwanis Club of Abilene Pancake Day Sponsored by IHOP



KICKOFF!

Join your fellow Kiwanians this Wednesday to hear all about our 57th Annual Pancake Day! The Abilene IHOP will once again be our corporate sponsor! You'll discover what team you are on for ticket sales and meet your team leaders. Learn about price discounts when you sell more than 14 tickets to one individual or organization. Consider what role you want to have on Pancake Day – bussing, serving, drink service, refills, etc!

Saturday, April 29, 2006

Abilene Civic Center

Serving Times 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Ticket Prices: \$5 per ticket; \$6 at the door;

Children Under 5, Accompanied By A Paying Adult, Eat Free

Be at Kiwanis this Wednesday to hear what in the world this year's theme is!

See you at Kiwanis!

WHAT A MEETING! March 15, 2006



DISABILITY RESOURCES INCORPORATED

Robert Vargas

Robert Vargas is the President and CEO of Disability Resources. Robert spoke about how DRI has managed to create economic opportunities for its residents and others in the Abilene community.

A task group of citizens was formed in 1983 to study the problems faced by families needing long term care of their children with disabilities. Surveys and family interviews were conducted, the laws were reviewed and site visits to existing facilities were made. There were services for people

with severe disabilities but those for persons with moderate to mild disabilities were almost non-existent.

DRI chartered as a non-profit corporation in January 1987, there mission to assist developmentally

disabled individuals to achieve their full potential in a Christian environment.

Today DRI consists of a Neighborhood Community, Vocational Center, and Administration Building for those with head injuries, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism and more, all on 150 acres financed by private donations, residential fees, State funds and vocational enterprises.

In 1989 Dr. Norman Dozier helped establish a small game bird operation, raising Quail to produce pickled Quail eggs, smoked Quail and Pheasant. "Sweet Retreat" candy shop is open to the public, selling such items as the Quail products, Chocolates, Sauces, Salsa, Bread and Butter Jalapenos, Soaps and Lotions too. DRI provides product management and labor while partners provide working capital, product expertise and marketing making this an excellent partnership. Its success is measured by how the folks behave, cope, learn love and succeed each day, even though they get paid for production.

OPENING CEREMONY FOR 3/15/06

President Gordon Dowell presided over the meeting. **Charles Kirkpatrick** led the singing and **Millie Braddy** played the piano. **Carl Lockett** led the prayer, **President Dowell** led the pledge and **Pamela McGrew** introduced the program.

Prayer Requests

The family and friends of Billy H. Yarborough.

Bill Alexander

Gloria Fanous' mother.

Nelda Wallace.

Billy Clay.

Chester McAlpin.

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

*THANK YOU FOR
THE RAIN!*

SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE –DIVINE NOURISHMENT

You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies. You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing. Psalm 23:5

Food gives you the energy to keep going. There's no sign more welcome at the end of a long day on the road than RESTAURANT. Turning in, you anticipate the satisfying meal that waits inside. Cool water, maybe with lemon. Fresh garden salad. Hot bread or rolls. Tasty entrée. Two or three veggies. Perhaps a satisfying dessert. Once filled, you are revived and fortified for the next leg of your journey.

In the same way, God allows you to fill up from time spent with him. If your day is rushed and stressed, you may only have time for brief snacks—a hurried prayer, a verse you've memorized—and even then God strokes your spiritual energy. But once you settle in for a full-course spiritual meal, you realize what you've been missing and eat heartily.

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God. Psalm 84:2

Prayer: Move in me, dear God, that I may see life from your point of view. May my spirit listen to your Spirit in all things. Make me each day more aware of your presence. In Jesus name, Amen.

BIRTHDAYS –March

Guinn Smith	23
Susan Clark	25
Jeff Goodin	26
Jimmie Monhollon	26

ANNIVERSARIES-March

Anthony Brown	22
Mike Casey	22
Russell Berry	23

GUESTS FOR 3/15/06

Dick Kincaid introduced the guests.

Alan Eggleston was a former Kiwanian from Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Dale Burson was the guest of Clarence Presswood and Donald McDonald.

David McWright was the guest of John Thomas and Jack Rentz.

Ryan Martin was the guest of Rachel Young.

Beverly Lenoir was the guest of Ken Lenoir.

Luncheon Cup Money for March 15, 2006 was \$43.23

RIBBON CUTTING

John Thomas had three ribbons cut for bringing in a new member to the club, for attending an interclub and for greeting guests.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Bill Zavatson presented perfect attendance awards to the following members-

J.C. McCurdy 48 years

Earl Williams 34 years

Van Booser 30 years

Ted Ho 30 years

Jeff Goodin 25 years

SCHOLARSHIPS

Spread the word! Scholarship applications are available through the city schools, at the Wednesday meetings, or by calling the office. The deadline is April 1st.



KIWANIS EDUCATION

J.R. Velasco spoke briefly about last weeks Member Orientation. He discussed the knowledge he gained just from attending and his hopes that each person there had learned something new. The importance of jumping right in and being a self starter has made a difference to him and can make a difference to you too, as you will feel better about yourself and what you are doing for others in the community.

K-UNIVERSITY

International President Steve Siemens asked three pertinent questions at K-University-

1. If we don't do it, who will do it?
2. If we don't do it now, when will it get done?
3. If we don't do it together, how will it get done?

These are three important questions with respect to membership and all that we do. So, let's work together on membership and all other aspects of club activities.

Did you know? Nell Sims sends a report to International each month that tally's and accrues the volunteer hours of club members. All Kiwanis volunteer activities information should be given to Nell so that she can see we get credit for the hours on our monthly report.

This picture of International President Steve Siemens with President Dowell and Nancy Miller was taken at K-University, March 4th.



FUTURE PROGRAMS

3/29/06-Dr. Sam Brinkman-Abilene Neuro Psychology Clinic.
4/5/06-Mark Young-Boys and Girls Club
4/12/06-Spiritual Aims-EASTER
4/19/06-TBA
4/26/06-TBA
5/3/06-Bill Ehrie-Career Technology
5/10/06-Pancake Day Wrap Up-Margaret Hoogstra

KIWANIS' CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Kiwanis International Convention, Montreal, Quebec, Canada-6/2-7-2 2006
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

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. Bring a guest or two to our next meeting.

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.

INTERCLUB-Greater Abilene-3/9/06

Donald McDonald, Keith Garner, Russell Berry, Carl Lockett

INTERCLUB-North Abilene-3/10/06

Susan Moellinger, Pam McGrew, Bill Hoogstra, Neil Tatom

INTERCLUB-Key City-3/13/06

Ray King, Clarence Presswood, Donald McDonald, Grady Jolly

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.

CENTENNIAL SPEAKER SERIES

Stephen Carter, a New York Times best-selling author is the William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law at Yale University. He will speak about “**Integrity, Civility and the Future of Democracy**”, Thursday, March 30th at the Teague Special Events Center, ACU Campus. Admission is \$15.00/\$10.00 for students. This will be a noon luncheon.

Robin Roberts Co-Anchor of ABC’s “Good Morning America” will be speaking about “**Putting Yourself in a Position for Good Things to Happen**”, Saturday, April 8th at the Teague Special Events Center, ACU Campus. Admission is \$20.00/\$10.00 for students. This will be a 7pm dinner.

SOMETHING ELSE

A message from the International President-

Dear Gordon,

What wonderful news to learn you just completed 85 years of service to your community and to the world!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Your gift of service is helping make the world a better place in which to live. Your commitment is making a difference, especially in the lives of children.

The International Board and staff join me in wishing you a wonderful anniversary. Remember, **TOGETHER WE CAN** do anything. And since the best is yet to come, please continue to make Kiwanis the premier service club in the world.

Keep growing, and I’ll continue to be...

A Kiwanian by Choice
& a Kiwanian for Life.
Steve Siemens, CSP
International President

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

Kiwanis@AbileneKiwanis.org

DID YOU KNOW

IHOP serves more than 700 Million Pancakes per year?

More than 1.5 Million Gallons of Syrup are used to top IHOP’S Famous Pancakes.

IHOP Corp. traces its roots back to the opening of the first International House of Pancakes restaurant in 1958 in a suburb of Los Angeles, Toluca Lake, California. The American eating public quickly took to the concept of a restaurant based on one of America’s favorite foods—pancakes. Within four years the number of units had increased to nearly 50, with many of the restaurants being operated by franchisees.



As we prepare for Pancake Day I thought I'd share with you a few pictures I recently received.

Lots of trees for buckets and spiles, cool nights and warm days for the sap to run.



An Authentic Sugar Shack!



Loads and Loads of Firewood!



Huge Holding Tanks, and Dad's/Grandpa's Original Evaporator.

Now that's how the real Maple Syrup for Pancakes is made!

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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