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CELEBRATE PANCAKE DAY ON WEDNESDAY MAY 10TH

Margaret Hoogstra

Join your fellow Kiwanians as we celebrate your success. Find out the number of tickets that were sold. How many served and best of all just how much money was raised. It's an exciting celebration that will show everyone what you have accomplished with a little hard work.

Also, Steve Hood will speak briefly on the upcoming Texas HOG (Harley Owners Group) Rally coming to Abilene May 18-21.

Steve is Sales Manager for Kent's Harley-Davidson in Abilene for 31 years, beginning as General Manager of his own Suzuki dealership. He has a BA degree in accounting from Abilene Christian University. Steve says his mother still wonders when he is going to get a "real" job.

You will see a lot of people we know. It's going to be a great day.

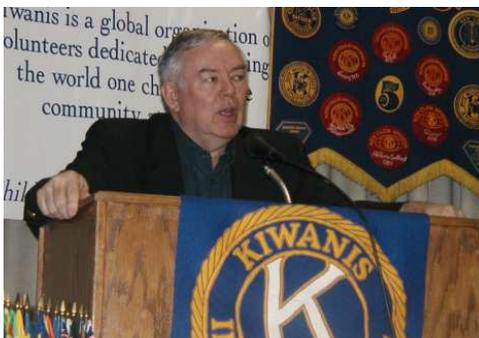
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Abilene. He has been in the motorcycle sales business for 18 years. He merged with Kent's 18 years ago. Steve says his mother still wonders when he is going to get a "real" job.



WHAT A MEETING! May 3, 2006

WILLIAM J. EHRIE, CEcD



An excellent public speaker, Mr. Ehrie had us all applauding the many students in attendance, as they are the future of Abilene. "These students, he noted, are our future, we have educated them, they are going to take care of our city and are going to be involved in our lives". Mr. Ehrie discussed the Race Track which is the easy route and the Highway which is the dangerous route.

Students have been on the race track for years already. Now they are getting onto the highway as they graduate. Mr. Ehrie's hope is that they will continue to make appropriate choices and that the assessment of their skills and what they want to do with their life and the

educational background they have been given will allow them to be successful in the career development that they have chosen.

Mr. Ehrie discussed the past and how technology has changed us. He discussed the importance of investing in ourselves. The need to build a society that is different than what we were raised in and building a community to accomplish diversity. Also discussed was the importance of voting, advising us all that if we don't vote, we shouldn't complain about the outcome. Voting will determine if we stay on the race track or move forward. Mr. Ehrie suggested that we all listen to what is happening, get involved, and take risks. We are on the highway now moving to make an investment in ourselves.

OPENING CEREMONY FOR 5/3/06

President Gordon Dowell presided over the meeting. **Don Scargall** led the singing and **Millie Braddy** played the piano. **Tom Dolan** led the prayer, **Clarence Presswood** led the pledge and **Jack Rentz** introduced the program.

Prayer Requests

Bud Coke, from a fall on Pancake Day.

Roy Lewis.

Lu Gene Lewis.

Donald McDonald has knee problems.

Gordon Dowell, had eye surgery again.

Roy & Lu Gene's Nephew, Gaunce Lewis has a recurring brain tumor.

Roy Dent's brother Billy has Leukemia.

Billy Clay.

C.W. Stephenson's wife Billie has health problems.

Gordon Dowell's wife Dorothy is having health problems.

Dick Kincaid's wife Jo Ann.

Gloria Fanous' mother.

Susan Moellinger's husband Max.

Nelda Wallace.

Lee Hagelstein's wife Terri.

Caroline Lee's husband Richard has health problems.

Don't forget to pray for RAIN!

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



SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE – TRUE HAPPINESS

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God. Psalm 146:5

Everyone pursues happiness, but few can define it. Is happiness the bright red apple dangling from the highest branch of the tree or the immense treasure buried somewhere underground? Is happiness the perfect person with whom to spend your life? Many times you lose hope of finding happiness simply because you may be looking for it in the wrong places.

True happiness has less to do withoutward circumstance than withinward, and more to do withinward harmony than withoutward. True happiness is being anchored to your creator, who knows you better than you know yourself. True happiness isn't dependent on another person. It isn't dangling out of your reach or hiding deep underground. True happiness can be found in the ordinary activities of your life. You need only look inward and upward.

Happy are those who respect the LORD and obey him. You will enjoy what you work for, and you will be blessed with good things. Psalm 128:1-2

God, as I lay my search at your feet, restore my hope of finding true and lasting happiness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

BIRTHDAYS – May

Carl Cook 12
Sheila Watts 12
Joe Felton 16

ANNIVERSARIES – May

Dennis Laster 12
Duane Shackelford 12
Russell Leavenworth 15

Luncheon Cup Money for April 26, 2006 was \$54.59

GUESTS FOR 5/3/06

J.R. Velasco introduced the guests. Sam Chase was the guest of Russell Berry. Earlene Clay was the guest of Billy Clay. Richard Lee from the North Abilene Club was the guest of Caroline Lee. Ikie Taylor from the Greater Club was a guest of Royce Manning. Tommy Holmes and Joe Wilson from the Key City Club were guests of Royce Manning. Witney Wagley, Marilyn Wagley, Richard Wagley, Robin Whalen, Kay Richards, Kate Farris, Cale Parsons, and Marshall Eaton were guests of the Agriculture Committee.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

President Dowell reminded everyone about the Prayer Breakfast that will be on May 4th, 6:45 am at Briarstone. The cost is \$8.25 for breakfast. Everyone was invited to attend.

BUILDERS CLUB

Several members have been working at starting a Builders Club. This will take place very soon. Dennis Laster and Ricki Brown along with the Boys and Girls Club's Mark Young and Duane Shackelford will be involved as well as John Thomas who has agreed to be the liaison for our Club and the Builders Club.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

President Dowell recognized the House Committee for all of their hard work setting up and cleaning up each week. Don Riddle accepted a Banner Bar which represents a donation the club has made to the Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Foundation's Tom Duncan Memorial Fund.

PRESENTATION

President Dowell presented two \$25.00 gift certificates to John Thomas for Copper Creek Restaurant. During the recent President's Challenge John brought two new members to join the club.



AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Some 20 years ago, the Agriculture Committee of the Greater City Club and the Kiwanis Club of Abilene decided to partner together and award three \$500.00 scholarships. Royce Manning had the pleasure of awarding the three \$500.00 scholarships to the following outstanding students:

Courtney Wagley, Abilene High School her Ag Advisor is Kay Richards. Katlyn Farris, Jim Ned High School, her Ag Advisor is Marshall Eaton. Cale Parsons, Abilene High School his Ag Advisor is Kay Richards. The three recipients had to have been involved in Agriculture or 4-Hand schools. They be a graduating senior of one of the Taylor County High Schools. They also must have been involved in other agricultural related activities in school and the community, as well as making good grades. Another requirement was that they had to enroll in a college of their choice and pursue studies in an agricultural related field.



CONGRATULATIONS!

VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE

Ken Lenoir presented certificates of recognition to the following Career and Technology students.
Abilene High School : Denise Allen, Brad Berry, Bobby Conner, Sara Ervin, Emily Friedrichs, Joe Gomez, Adriana Gonzalez, Rachel Green, Matt McBroom, Raigen Michener, Cale Parsons, Adrian Valdez, Abbey Wartes and William Young.

Cooper High School : Jessica Crow, Jennifer Ham, Janet Jackson, Josh Jeffery, Caitlin O'Connor, and Jeremy Stock.

Ken also recognized the following AISD staff in attendance:
Cathy Ashby, Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.
Dr. Virginia Mosier, Director, Career and Technology Education, AISD
Terry Bull, Principal, Abilene High School.
Gail Gregg, Principal, Cooper High School.

Scholarships were then awarded to the following very deserving students:

Charmane Brown, Vanna Hollis (absent), and Maria Rodriguez were recipients from Abilene High School.

Christina Casillas and Carolyn Nguyen were recipients from Cooper High School.

There were 27 applicants in all.

CONGRATULATIONS!



MEDICAL FUND

Ken Poynor has reported that the month of April was an active month. Six students were helped in the amount of \$684.04. He notes that the fund for the year has assisted 53 students in the amount of \$3,434.69 and that there have been fabulous remarks about the Kiwanis Club assisting with medical needs, most of them coming from letters from the children.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Bill Hoogstraas representative of the Nominating Committee notes that there is a recommendation to the Club for Vice President, of which there are three. Also nominations will be accepted from the floor at next week's meeting.

YOUNG CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE

Thrive Program-

Please take note that the Abilene-Taylor County Public Health Department will be offering immunizations for children and adults at the office located at 850 N. 6th Street, Abilene, TX the following days and times:

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday-Friday from 9am-4pm
Also the first Tuesday of each month from 9am-6pm

PANCAKEDAY

SIMPLY AMAZING

Billy Clay is to be congratulated for selling almost \$5,000 in Pancake Day tickets. Billy only needed \$46.00 more to have reached that amount.

PANCAKEDAY TICKET SALES

David Bacon announced the teams and members that had sold tickets this past week. Kimberley Cole brought more prizes for the top selling members.



LoneRangerTeamisin4thplace.

GordonDowellsold\$370.00

Superman’sTeamisin3rd place.

MarcusAndersonsold\$135.00,LoraLynnChristensensold\$140.00,DavidJonessold\$185.00

Zorro’sTeamisin2ndplace.

BruceDavissold\$115.00,BillyClaysold\$235.00,CarolineLeesold \$345.00

WonderWoman’sTeamclimbedbacktothe#1place.

JerryHarrissold\$115.00,NancyMillersold\$125.00,RickiBro wnsold\$350.00

Keepuptheexcellentworkofsellingtickets!HowmanymorecanyousellbeforeSaturday?

FUTUREPROGRAMS

- 5/17/06-Dr.BeverlyLenoir-Valedictorian-SheilaWatts
- 5/24/06-MemorialDayProgram-CarlLockett&DonScargall
- 5/31/06-SpecialMembershipProgram-D.Williamson&K.Cole

Briarstone Manor is located at:

101 Elpens Court, Abilene, TX 79604

325-677-3711

Meetings are every Wednesday at Noon

KIWANIS’ CALENDAR OF EVENTS

KiwanisInternationalConvention,Montreal,Quebec,Canada-6/28-7/ 22006

Texas/OklahomaDistrictConventionatSea-8/17--8/212006

MEMBERSHIP

Sponsoramemberandgetyournameonthislist!

<u>NewMember</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Date</u>
J.R.Velasco	DavidJones	10/26/05
CarolineLee	GordonDowell	11/16/05
RobertBurch	KennySmith	12/7/05
JohnThomas	DougWilliamson	12/14/05
DavidBacon	DonaldMcDonald	12/28/05
GaryMock	BillClark	1/18/06
CaseyMetts	DonWilliams	2/1/06
DonovanHenderson	JamesHallmark	2/15/06
ToniaLovelady	KellyJones	3/8/06
AlexRose	JohnThomas	3/8/06
AlanEggleston	CarolineLee	4/5/06
DavidMcWright	JohnThomas	4/19/06

BOARDMEETINGREMINDER

TheKiwanisBoardwillmeetatBriarstone,12:00noon,ThursdayMay11th.Everyoneisinvitedtoattend.Youwillgetabetterunderstandingofhowtheclubfunctionsandlearnabouttheimportantdecisionsthat are made.Don’tforget, **NewMembers** canhaveearribboncutbyattendingthismeeting.

NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Kiwanis Club,
Thank you for your gift to the Texas-Oklahoma Kiwanis Foundation's Tom Duncan Memorial Fund. Scholarships are made possible through donations from Kiwanis Clubs and individual donors such as yourselves.
Sincerely,
The T-O Foundation

Dear Mr. Royce Manning,
Thank you for buying my Overall Grand Champion Swine at the Taylor County Livestock Show. Your donation is very appreciated. The money that I have received will go towards helping me pay for my college the next three years.
Thank you,
Whitney Moore, Senior '06

Dear Friends at Kiwanis Club of Abilene,
Thank you for your generous support of the 2006 Parents Who Care Project Graduation! Your support of \$250.00 helps us to keep our graduating seniors safe as they attain this great milestone!
Last year we served over 900 students at our all-night party at the Civic Center and at the end of the night we gave away a cartoon lucky senior that stayed all night! We hope to do the same this year. Our community's helping getting donated prizes and in donating funds help us do this!
We could not accomplish this without your support! Again, thank you for your help.
Sincerely,
Bet Ribordy, Board Member, Parents Who Care

Dear Kiwanians,
Thank you for your recent donation to Meals on Wheels Plus, Inc. We are especially appreciative of gifts received during the months of March and April because of a unique matching opportunity.
Mr. Alan Feinstein has been giving away \$1 million to agencies that fight hunger across the United States. We have received a portion of this \$1 million for seven years and we plan to apply again this year.
It is exciting because the more money we raise locally, the bigger percentage of his one million dollars we receive. Thank you for your generous gift. You are appreciated.
Thanks so much for the wonderful donation! It's a great _____ help.
Warmly Yours,
Betty L. Bradley, LBSW, Executive Director

COMMUNITY NEWS

Clyde Golden K Club has invited everyone to attend their Chicken Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday May 7th. It is a fundraiser for their club and will be held at the Clyde Intermediate School Cafeteria. The cost is \$6.00 and the event takes place from 11 am-2pm.

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WHATYOU SHOULDKNOW

2005-2006 OFFICERS

Gordon Dowell *President*
David Jones *Vice-President*
Carl Lockett *Vice President*
Clarence Presswood *Vice President*
Bill Hoogstra *Immediate Past President*

Margaret Hoogstra *President-Elect*
Ricki Brown *Treasurer*
Kimberley Cole *Foundation Treasurer*
Nell Sims *Secretary*
Henry McGinty *Assistant Secretary*

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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