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OUR NEXT PROGRAM

DR. DAVID POLNICK

Superintendent of the Abilene Independent School District

Dr. David Polnick, superintendent of the Abilene Independent School District, will speak to the Kiwanis Club of Abilene on April 18, 2007. He will detail the challenges facing tomorrow's high schools. Schools as we know them will have to change to meet changing needs of the workplace. You may be surprised by some of the new thinking from Dr. Polnick's speech.

This is an excellent week to invite guests to our club. We certainly will be putting our best foot forward, having Dr. Polnick as our speaker.

David Polnick was chosen as Superintendent on March 24, 2003, by a unanimous vote of the Abilene Independent School District Board of Trustees. On June 2, 2003, he became the twenty-first superintendent of the district.

Dr. Polnick has a strong history with AISD having served in the district for 28 years. He began his career in Abilene as a 5th grade teacher at Johnston Elementary School. He then became principal of Alta Vista Elementary, and after two years returned to Johnston to replace Jack Herring, long time mentor and friend, as principal there. He served as principal at Bonham Elementary before former superintendent Charles Hundley placed him as interim assistant superintendent for business and finance in 1988. Exhibiting a growing expertise in this position, six months later Mr. Hundley named Dr. Polnick as Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance and later as Deputy Superintendent for Business and Finance. Dr. Polnick remained in this position until March 2001 when he left to go to Lubbock to serve as their chief financial officer. In January 2003 when Dr. Michael Moehler announced his retirement as superintendent of AISD, Dr. Polnick was the sole candidate interviewed by the Board of Trustees to lead the AISD as the next superintendent.

On June 14, Dr. David Polnick became the first school superintendent in the United States of America to receive the Air Force Scroll of Appreciation. Major General James Roudebush, Air Force Deputy Surgeon General, presented the civilian award to Dr. Polnick on behalf of Dyess Air Force Base. Air Force officials said the award has never been given to a school superintendent. Dyess AFB nominated Dr. Polnick for the award because of his involvement with the Abilene Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Committee and his efforts to make transitions for military families easier. The district has started registering children for school on base - a first in the U.S. Department of Defense - and the AISD's website has a link just for Dyess personnel with school information. These efforts are being adopted by other Air Force communities, said Col. Garrett Harencak, past 7th Bomb Wing Commander at Dyess. The Air Force Scroll of Appreciation was established in 1948; it recognizes nonmilitary personnel for meritorious achievement or service to any Air Force activity. A native Abilenian, Dr. Polnick earned his bachelor's degree in education from Concordia College in Seward, Nebraska, his Master of Education degree from Abilene Christian University, and his Doctor of Education from Texas Tech University. Dr. Polnick and his wife, Mary Ann, have been married for 33 years. Mary Ann is the instructional specialist at Lee Elementary School. They have a son and daughter-in-law, Benjie and Kimberly Polnick, who live in Waco and a daughter, Julie, who teaches fourth grade in Coppell ISD.

Over the past several years, Abilene ISD has experienced a decline in the student population and faced budget cuts and downsizing. However, the 2006-2007 school year enrollment appears to have stabilized. Unlike many west Texas school districts, AISD is in sound financial condition due to the actions taken by the Board and the past administrations. While the district faces many challenges, Dr. Polnick feels fortunate to work with the students, faculty, parents, and community. Abilene is an exceptional community and Abilene ISD is a great school district. Dr. Polnick is glad to be back home and Proud to be in AISD!

OPENING CEREMONY FOR 04/04/07

Vice-President Bruce Davis presided over the meeting. **Russell Berry** led the singing and **Millie Braddy** played the piano. **Roland Williams** led the prayer; **Nell Sims** led the pledge and **Melvin Martin** introduced the program.

WHAT A MEETING! April 11, 2007

UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

Lt. Stan Standridge



Lt. Standridge began researching Islam in order to better understand differences between it and his own Christian faith. His discovery; there are many differences.

Lt. Standridge had members asking themselves numerous questions throughout his presentation. He noted that neither the events of 9/11 nor he being involved in the SWAT team has pushed him into this research. He believes it is a calling. He gave the meanings for many words that we may not have known. Islam is the religion; Muslim is the person; Qur'an is their Holy Book and Hadith is a book that is a compilation of traditions relating to how Mohammad lived his life. Lt. Standridge noted that Islam is reportedly the second largest and fastest growing religion with 1.3 billion worldwide. An interesting question

was; where do most Muslims live? The answer was in Indonesia where approximately 196 million live. Did you know that most Muslims are not Arabic?

Lt. Standridge spoke about the beginning of Islam, the Qur'an and so much more, a handout was available for those interested in reviewing what Lt. Standridge had presented.



REQUESTS PRAYER

Gloria Fanous' daughter Eliana is having heart problems.

Roy and LuGene Lewis, Roy is having tests in Houston.

Dick Kincaid is recovering from back surgery.

Nelda Wallace *** Billy Clay *** Donald McDonald's wife Becky ***

Margaret Jolly *** A.C. Johnson's son-in-law *** John Thomas's son Joseph ***

J. R. Velasco's mother Olivia Velasco *** Dick Kincaid's wife Joanne *** George Knight's wife Joan

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

**** God Bless our Military Men & Women ****

SPIRITUAL AIMS MESSAGE- A Spring Tune-up

It's that time again. Time to get out your lawn mower for another season. The demands of last year's mowing really took its toll, so before putting your mower into service, you really should give it a tune-up. A check of the owner's manual tells us that a tune-up means a new spark plug, air filter, changing the oil, and sharpening the blade. Oh, you could probably get by without doing these things, but a properly tuned and maintained mower will make mowing much easier.

Perhaps this would also be a good time for us to consider the need for a spiritual tune-up. The stress and pressure of daily living takes its toll. From time to time, we need a spiritual tune-up. Oh, we could probably get by without it, but a properly tuned and maintained spirit will certainly make life much easier! A check of our Owners manual tells us about the need for a spiritual tune-up.

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:30-31 (NIV)

BIRTHDAYS-April

Kirby Leeson	18
Roland Williams	18
Ty Purcell	19
Leslie Lane	20
Virginia Walls	22

FUNDSPELL

Jamie Breed chair of the Community services committee brought Debbie Sherman from the Taylor County Adult Literacy Council to our meeting. Debbie presented a certificate to the club for taking part in "FUNDSPELL". Jamie Breed and Marcus Anderson were the clubs participants.



ATTENDANCE



Bill Zavatson presented the following members with tabs for perfect attendance:

Caroline Lee	1	Ted Ho	31
Keith Garner	26	Van Boozer	31
Jeff Goodin	26	Earl Williams	35
W.R. Williams	27	J. C. McCurdy	49

LEADERSHIP

Immediate Past-President Gordon Dowell, on behalf of the nominating committee announced that the following members were nominated for the position of board of directors: Clarence Presswood, Robert Burch, Jan

Koflanovich, Jamie Breed, Jerry Carter, Mark Hoover, Randy Williams, John Thomas, Faye Dodson, and J. R. Velasco. At our next meeting on April 18th there will be a vote to select five of these excellent candidates.



PRESENTATION

Charles Kirkpatrick presented a plaque to the club from the Abilene Independent School District. Charles and Russell Berry had attended a Partners in Education Banquet on Tuesday evening and the plaque was presented as a thank you to the SOS committee for all of their hard and very dedicated work.

PANCAKE DAY

Carl Lockett Chair of this year's Pancake Day advised members of this year's goal. He encouraged members to get out and sell, sell, sell tickets. Sadly he noted that fifty members have not sold even one ticket. This too shall change as there are two weeks left to make a wonderful difference for Abilene's children as well as the community.

Bill Hoogstra announced that assignment lists had been printed for Pancake Day. Members were asked to take one and review it carefully.

Caroline Lee Co-Chair of the silent auction committee announced that she had donation receipts available for members with auction items. If you have not donated an auction item please consider doing so. Thank you!

BILLBOARDS

Just another reminder this week to take a look around town for the twelve billboards that are advertising Pancake Day. Here's a little help in finding them all:
3957 Ridgemont~1600 S. Treadaway~
1300 Butternut~1326 South 14th~N. 6th & Willis~
3050 N. 10th~Hickory & N. 6th~Pine & N. 6th~
1005 N. Treadaway~1220 Grape~2101 Pine~
1001 N. Mockingbird.



From the barn yard-

The **COWS** are in first place this week; the cows are "mooving" to another field this week with **\$2575.00**

H. B. Terry sold \$865.00

Gordon Dowell sold \$560.00

Pam McGrew sold \$200.00

For over \$100.00 in sold:

Roland Williams, Mark Hoover, Guinn Smith, Van Boozer, Billy Phillips, A. C. Johnson

The **CHICKENS** are fluffing their feathers for a new dance this week with **\$2167.50**

Jack Rentz sold \$1550.00

Nancy Miller sold \$177.50

Keith Garner sold \$110.00

For over \$100.00 sold: Glyn Hammons

The **PIGS** are slipping in the mud and came in last this week with **\$1080.00**

Billy Clay sold \$315.00

Marcus Anderson sold \$210.00

Kirby Leeson sold \$160.00

Vicky Stout sold \$160.00

For over \$100.00 sold: Donald McDonald

See what happens when the animals all play together. Old McDonald would be proud!

With combined ticket sales this week we have \$5822.50

The total for all teams this year is \$19,873.50

GUESTS FOR 04/11/07

Faye Dodson introduced the guests.

Debbie Sherman was a guest of the Club.

Mark Moore was the guest of Jim Berry.

Earl Garrett was the guest of John Snapp.

Earlene Clay was the guest of Billy Clay.

Pat Kasimirs and James Myors were guests of Bill Hoogstra.

Mark Chatman, Priscilla Alldredge, Tommy Alldredge and Don Settle were guests from the Clyde Club.

Luncheon Cup Money for April 11, 2007 was \$40.20

MEMBERSHIP

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Date</u>
Connie Stephens	Dub Pritchett	10/4/06
Dub Hawkins	Pamela McGrew	10/4/06
Bruce Benton	Van Boozer	10/11/06 (member since 08/30/06)
Faye Dodson	Kelly Jones	11/1/06
Bradley Campbell	David Bacon	11/1/06
Vicky Stout	Kenny Smith	12/20/06
Shirley Velasco	J. R. Velasco	2/14/07
Mike Jeter	Jerry Harris	2/28/07
Matt Smith	Donald McDonald	2/28/07
Carol Casey	Randall Williams	3/14/07

FUTURE PROGRAMS

4/25/07-Global Samaritan Resources

5/2/07-Vocational Guidance

5/9/07-Pancake Day Wrap Up

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Major Rusty Ebers-C-130 Pilot---Postponed

*Programs are subject to change without notice.*



## KIWANIS' CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/28/07-"PANCAKE DAY"

5/03/07-Division 35 Prayer Breakfast, 6:45am at Briarstone Manor

5/06/07-Kiwanis Club of Clyde's annual Chicken Spaghetti Dinner

6/21/07-6/24/07-Hole in One Contest

7/02/07-7/06/07-International Conference-San Antonio, Texas

8/02/07-8/05/07-T/O District Conference-The Woodlands, Texas

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL  
92nd Annual Convention ✦ July 3-7, 2007

## SOMETHING ELSE

It is very important for members to notify Caroline Lee as soon as possible of any email address changes. This is necessary to ensure that Kiwanigrams be received each week. This information is also shared with members who may need to contact you for volunteer tasks, committee and board meetings, program information, as well as for billing purposes. Your attention to this is greatly appreciated.

## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

### 2006-2007 OFFICERS

Margaret Hoogstra *President*  
Lora Lynn Christensen *Vice-President*  
Bruce Davis *Vice President*  
Guinn Smith *Vice President*  
Gordon Dowell *Immediate Past-President*

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Ricki Brown  
Ty Purcell  
Henry McGinty

*President-Elect*  
*Treasurer/*  
*Foundation Treasurer*  
*Secretary*  
*Assistant Secretary*

### 2005-2006 DIRECTORS

#### **TWO YEARS**

Charles Kirkpatrick  
George Knight  
LuGene Lewis  
Pam McGrew  
Kenny Smith

#### **ONE YEAR**

Russell Berry  
Dennis Laster  
Clinton Nix  
Sheila Watts  
Mark Young

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