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LARRY HENDERSON **WORLD CHAMPION SKY DIVER**

Noon, Wednesday, March 25
Abilene Country Club

Kiwanians, you just don't want to miss this program! This is one that we'll be talking about for months, so don't rely on someone telling you the story - come hear for yourself!

Larry Henderson is a 58-year-old adventurer and daredevil who leads skydiving teams around the world. He is also a Missions Coordinator for Asia at Abilene Christian University and makes his home here in Abilene, Texas. He teaches text-based courses in New and Old Testament at ACU, primarily to Freshmen and Sophomores, and has preached at many locations around the world.

Larry grew up in Thailand with missionary parents. He lived among the Thais from ages 6-16, and knows their customs and language. He tried skydiving while in college, but didn't have the money to start it until sponsors helped raise funds in a Thai-US effort to build schools in remote jungles in Thailand. He does it to relieve stress, for fun, and to meet new friends and to express Jesus in different cultures.

He and his wife Pam met at Lubbock Christian High School, earned degrees at ACU with additional studies at the Sunset School of Preaching and Missions, then served as missionaries in Thailand for 20 years. They have two children: Caleb is 23, and coaching at Abilene Christian Schools, and Rachael is a freshman Pre-med major at ACU.

Larry is the Captain of the World Skydiving Team; has jumped for the royal family of Thailand, for Oliver Stone movies, for special events in various countries, with the Chairman of the U. S. Chiefs of Staff, movie stars, and Olympic gold medal winners; and he's going to be at The Kiwanis Club of Abilene to tell us how being a missionary and skydiver are mutually inclusive and a compatible combination.

Bring a guest, and they'll be glad you treated them to this program, and be prepared to be WOWED!!!!



PANCAKE KICKOFF **March 18**

President **Russell Berry** and **Charles Kirkpatrick** presided. **Carl Lockett** led the prayer, **Ken Poynor** led the singing. **Millie Braddy** played piano. **Robert Pritz** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Marty Anderson** introduced our guests.

Russell passed the official "Pancake Hat" to **Mark Young** who did a great job in kicking off the 60th Pancake Day project. J.C. McCurdy presented a check for \$100.00 to get things rolling. Mark announced a great ticket deal as a part of the 60 year celebration.

Mark expressed appreciation to **Doug Williamson** and Abilene Reporter News for supplying our tickets again this year.

See related stories on **Carmen Martinez**, Silent Auction Chair, and **Kimberley Cole**, Ticket Coordinator.

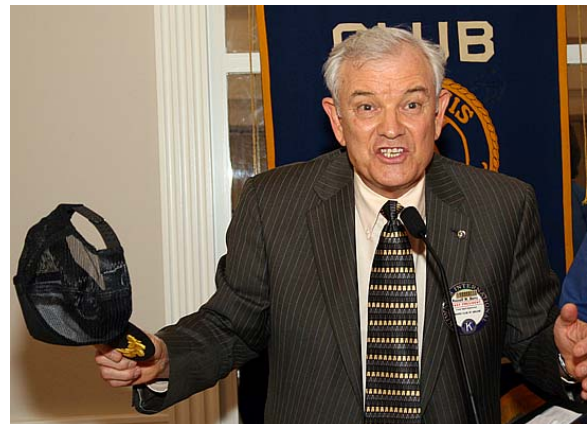
PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for **Roy Dent's** wife, Linda, who continues treatment at M.D. Anderson. Pray for Don Etter, a friend of **Russell Berry**. Pray for **Bud Coke** and his wife Ruby. Pray for Janice Smith, wife of **Guinn Smith** who fell and broke her nose on 3/17.

Spiritual Aims Message: "Working with Enthusiasm"

The beginning of the Pancake supper promotion can bring with it challenges and anxiety that some experience and others do not understand. We hear from time to time that a number of active Kiwanians do not sell any tickets. On the other hand, others sell a multitude. Perhaps one way of thinking about the process is that we don't sell tickets but participation in supporting one of the broadest encouragers of children and young people in Abilene. The task may be easier to carry out when we think of the result and not the process. Paul was telling the Colossians about the various responsibilities of members of a household and showed various tasks that fell on each member. The one common challenge was for each one to work with the same faithfulness and dedication as if they were doing the job for the Lord. Perhaps we can work for the children more than the program.

Colossians 3:23-24: *"Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you are serving the Lord Christ."*



Left to Right: **Charles Kirkpatrick** presented an original oil painting by Kay Walton valued at \$1800 to **Carmen Martinez**, chair of the Pancake Day silent auction. **Russell Berry** passes the Pancake Chairman's hat to Mark Young.

BIRTHDAY'S

March 26	Shirley Velasco
March 26	Jeff Goodin
March 26	Jimmie Monhollon
March 29	Devhra Bennett Jones
March 30	Zach Briley



CLUB REMINDERS & NOTES



April 25th is Pancake Day – Only **31** more days!

Russell Berry will be out of town, and Vice-President **Randy Williams** will be moderating our next meeting. If anyone has an announcement or after meeting committee meeting, they will need to let Randy know before Wed. Thanks.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

April 01 – Dr. Ralph McClesky, Heart Healthy – No Salt Diet

April 08 – Easter, Spiritual Aims

April 15 – Tami Baxter, Pediatric Rehabilitation

April 22 – Rob Sledge, Author



RECENT GUESTS – March 11, 2008

GUEST ME

MBER

Devin Stewart
Paula Windham
Lyndel Cook

Mac Sipe
Clarence Presswood
Greater Abilene Club

Cup Money - \$46.51



NEW MEMBERS

Jimmie Monhollon, 1/28/09

Former member

Kirk Hancock, 1/28/09

Pete Oldham, 3/4/09

Sponsors- **Guinn Smith/Faye Dodson**

Manuel Longoria, 3/18/09

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Devin Stewart – 3/18/09

Sponsor - **Mac Sipe**

Manuel Longoria (left) and **Devin Stewart** (right) were inducted as new members at our last meeting.



Membership Gathering!

Today was our first "Membership Gathering".

Members were divided into 12 teams. The team members will sit together on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and focus on ways to bring more members into the club. Contact Guinn Smith to learn whose team you are on.

Gumball Report

By Earl Williams

315 Machines Read

\$378.48 collected

\$237,044.95 collected to date!



Hendrick Children's Hospital Wing

Goal \$50,000

48 MEMBERS PLEDGING TO THE HENDRICK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN

Approximate money pledged to date

\$19,200.00

Amount collected to date

\$16,348.12

Amount needed to meet \$50,000 goal



\$30,800.00

Kimberley Cole is in charge of ticket sales for Pancake Day. Kimberley is our "Lean mean Gimme Your Money Machine"! As in previous years, Kimberley announced our theme for this project as GENERATIONS!

Teams were divided as follows:

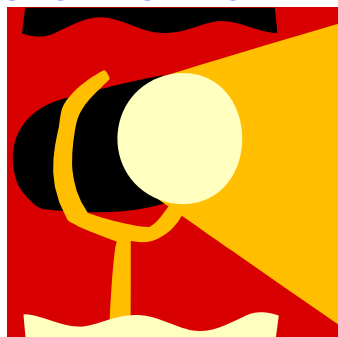
- The Boomers – led by Lou Briley
- The Hippies – Led by Kelly Jones
- The Groovers – led by Mark Young

Go Teams! Sell those Tickets! They make a huge difference for our community!

- Purchase 60 or more tickets at \$3.00 each
- Purchase 40 or more tickets at \$4.00 each
- Purchase 1 to 39 tickets at \$5.00 each
- Purchase at door \$6.00 each



SPOTLIGHT ON THE "GUMBALL" AND "INTERCLUB" COMMITTEES!



The Gumball Committee is chaired by **Earl Williams**. The committee guides the club in placing Kiwanis gumball machines throughout the city, and then provides monthly reports about our income. Money raised is funneled into children's projects.

The Interclub Committee is chaired by **Keith Garner**. The committee encourages members to visit other Kiwanis clubs within the community and District, and encourages members to keep their perfect attendance intact by visiting other clubs.

2008-2009 OFFICERS

Russell Berry	President	Mark Young	President-Elect
Jamie Breed	Vice-President	Ricki Brown	Treasurer/Foundation Treasurer
Randy Williams	Vice President	Faye Dodson	Secretary
Charles Kirkpatrick	Vice President	Henry McGinty	Assistant Secretary
Carl Lockett	Immediate Past-President		

2008-2009 DIRECTORS

TWO	YEARS		ONE YEAR	
Ty	Purcell	Mac Sipe	Sharon Jones	J.R. Velasco
	Shirley Velasco	Kelly Jones	Jerry Carter	John Thomas
	Mark	Hoover	Lora	Lynn Christensen

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