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Pancake Day Kickoff!

Abilene Country Club, Noon, Wednesday, March 20th, 2013



It's that time again! Come and hear Pancake Chair Mark Hoover fire us up with this year's goals and plans for our Pancake Day event on Saturday, April 27th. We're all dedicated to changing the world one community and one child at a time. For our Club, it's about Abilene and our children. Pancake Dollars make that happen. Mark needs your help to generate those dollars by enthusiastically selling tickets and donating silent auction items.

Kimberley Cole, our Kickoff Chair, will announce our theme, our team leaders, and our teams' membership. Come find out which team you will be on!

Mark has claimed his tickets. Now it's your turn. Come join in the fun. **SEE YOU THERE!**



Dennis Laster introduced the program.

Blair Haynie of TX Dot presented the program.

Dara Waldrip assisted Blair Haynie in presenting the program.

KIWANIS CLUB OF ABILENE
Weekly Meeting
March 13th, 2013
Abilene Country Club

Led Meeting.....	William Smith
Prayer.....	Faye Dodson
Music.....	Nancy Miller
Piano.....	Jamie Breed
Pledge.....	Keith Garner
Guests.....	Dennis Laster
Cup Money.....	\$25.75
Brag Money(Donald McDonald).....	\$2.00

In our prayers

Jimmie and Lake Monhollon
 Linda, wife of Jud Powell, and Joan, wife of George Knight
 Continue to remember: Henry McGinty, Van Boozar, A.C. Johnson and Bill Zavatson

Guests

Guests..... Guest of Member
 Blair Haynie..... Club
 Darah Waldrip..... Club

Program



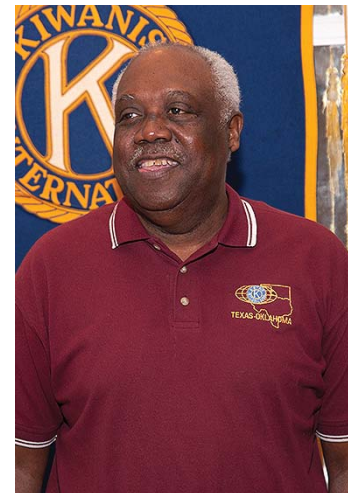
Dennis Laster introduced Blair Haynie from the Texas Department of Transportation as the speaker for the March 13th meeting. Blair, assisted by Darah Waldrip, certainly gave an informative program as he communicated that the Abilene District of TxDot is made up of 13 counties supported by 272 employees most of which are maintenance employees. The Abilene district is one of 25 in the state of Texas and represents 1% of the population as well as 1% of registered vehicles in the state. Blair discussed maintenance projects and the role of the department in emergency response situations. He also discussed energy and the impact of Cline Shale. This was definitely an interesting and timely presentation.

We look forward to seeing you next week as we kick off PANCAKE DAY!

Go out and get involved!



Nancy Miller led the singing.



Will Smith presided over the meeting in the absence of Randy Williams

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pancake Day!

Pancake Day Kickoff is set for March 20th. Mark Hoover, Pancake Chair and Marty Anderson, Silent Auction Chair communicated the goal for Silent Auction is \$11,000.00 this year. Support from each Kiwanian is key to success. We can take donations now. Please do your part to help with this important fund raiser. It's all about giving back to the kids and our community.



Thank You!

A BIG Thank You to Will Smith for leading the meeting the week of March 13th.

Calendar

- March 21st, 2013 Board Meeting, Thursday Bogies Sandwich Shop 12:00 noon
- March 23rd, 2013 Ramp Building Blitz
- April 2, 2013 Club Satellite Meeting, 6:00pm Mezamiz Coffee Shop
- April 9th, Division Council Meeting, Al's Mesquite Grill, 6:30pm
- April 27th, 2013 - PANCAKE DAY (mark your calendar for this important date)

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SPIRITUAL AIMS THOUGHT TO PONDER

By Gordon Dowell

Children are gifts and blessings from God! I'm frequently amused during "brag time" at how Mark or Doug or Russell (and others) compete as to how bright or attractive or precocious or talented their grandchild is compared to others. Well, who would disagree? Children are a blessing to parents and grandparents, and to others aren't they? Yet, while each is a product of heredity, each is, metaphorically speaking, "new sheets of paper" on which the environment will write. Writers will include parents, grandparents, child care providers, teachers, peers, the media, and hundreds of other influences... writing daily.. making life-long impressions. Obviously, the kind of environment in which children are raised is so vital. Cultural factors such as poverty or plenty, being raised in a nuclear family vs. a single parent or 'modern' family, access to education of varying qualities, access to health care, character training, etc., are all variable factors in the "making of the child" and how he/she matures to adulthood. Many make the early journey well, regrettably many do not.

The writer of Proverbs wrote "Train a child in the

way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." (Prov. 22:6) The statements "as the twig is bent, the tree will grow," and "it is hard to straighten in the full grown oak the crook that grew in the sapling" both speak to how vital it is to help children make the most of the developmental stages. We can take confidence that as a general principle this will be the result of the joint efforts of parents, grandparents, and the community as a whole. It simply highlights the importance of early training, encouragement and support.

Clearly, these are areas where Kiwanis and others can fill voids by augmenting what parents and teachers are doing...by reading to a child, by testing their vision, by encouraging them with words, awards and recognitions, by teaching, by funding programs that benefit children, by providing scholarships, etc. Truly, it does "take a village to raise a child." Remember, "Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time."

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