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From President Bruce

Did you do the best you could at selling those ads for Pancake Day? Have you talked to your business associates, your friends and family trying to sell those tickets? Are you going to make the most of each of the remaining days to sell additional tickets before next Saturday? Have you made a personal commitment to making the most of your pancake day next Saturday? I hope the answer to each of these is a resounding "Yes."

Our Club has added several new members in September and we've just grown by another three new members after last week's meeting. That means there will be many new smiling faces sporting new Kiwanis shirts, hats and/or bibs on Pancake Day. It is incumbent on the older members to assist these new members to ensure we all have a fun and enjoyable day.

It takes a lot of members to organize such a large event. As most members know, the "Red Hat" member (Matt Yates for this year) is in charge of the event each year. However, without numerous other very dedicated members, the Pancake Day would be far less successful. I would like to take a few minutes to recognize just a sampling of the current members who over the last few years have put in a lot of extra hours to make sure each Pancake Day goes off with as few "hiccups" as possible.

As you know, Kiwanis is a worldwide organization of volunteers. Our special day would not be possible without the outside assistance of many other volunteers. The "K" family of volunteers on Pancake Day includes many Builders Clubs, Key Clubs, and Circle K members and even some other Kiwanis clubs. Johnny Schittone has been instrumental in keeping touch with many of our middle and high school clubs and making sure they are ready to volunteer. He is in constant contact with the various school leaders and Club sponsors throughout the first few weeks of the school year.

Freddie Martin keeps tabs on these youngsters when they first walk into the Pete Maravich Assembly Center. He and his wife, Rose Ann, make sure each youngster has the necessary instructions along with their gloves and hats available for their assigned duties. With strict oversight by our members, these young children help flip pancakes, keep our serving lines moving and help keep the tables clean and ready for the customers throughout the day.

The Art Contest and Show has been a part of our Pancake Day activities for over 30 years. Bill Shaffer, Rick Lipscomb and Maury O'Rourke with guidance from Maury's wife Barbara lead up a team of dedicated members to assure all of the art submitted is properly logged in and judged. A quiet stroll through the art display will certainly put a smile on your face as you view the area school children's talent.

Program This Week Countdown To Kickoff

Redhat Matt Yates will give some final instructions Thursday to begin the countdown to the 61st Annual Pancake Festival and art and Talent Show. When we meet Thursday you still have a chance to get a shirt and/r apron from Jude and sign up for a shift if you haven't already done so. Although this is the final chance for the Redhat to rally the club the club before the big event happens, Matt will have already started the ball rolling as the Art Committee will have received the art and begun judging, the supplies will be coming in and inventoried, and equipment beginning to be delivered. So be there for our Redhat and our community



Upcoming Programs

October 28	Randy Nichols Capital Area Alliance for the Homeless
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Greeters

October 21	October 28
Gary Graham	Dietmar Rietschier
Will Waters	Laura Fraga
Dave Kercher	Pat Minor

Front Table Duty

Chris Tabor	Brian Babin
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Program Chair

October	Kristi Bourgeois
November	Bill Stracener
December	Brian Babin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Howard Bolton 10/20	Magdi Selim 10/21	Marjorie Green 10/22
	Steve Carleton 10/23	

Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.
~Vince Lombardi



**Program Last Week
Charles Chadwick 'Chad'
Major, Chief of Research
Baton Rouge Fire
Department**

Kristi Bourgeois introduced her cousin Chad and as he joked you could see the family resemblance as he towered above her. He noted he was the tallest in the family and was just a tall Cajun. He has been with the Fire Department for 22 years and spent 18 of them on a truck. His father was also a member of the Fire Department and retired in 1996. Chad noted he had been at many of the stations around town and like most firemen is an adrenaline junkie because of all the excitement with their job.

He told us the six new stations that have been or will be built soon to replace some of the others that were approaching 60 years in age. Although many homes can be that old and still be in good shape this is not true for a fire station which is home to a group of men that spend 1/3 of their lives there. It can be hard on the building. He noted the locations of the new stations and said that some were being moved from the locations of the ones they are replacing to better serve the public. He works with all of the planning for the BFRD and works to maintain the Property Insurance Association of Louisiana (PIAL) Class 1 rating. Fire departments are rated on a 10 point scale with 1 being the best and therefore providing the lowest insurance rates for homeowners and businesses. If a community's fire department has a Class 10 rating they can't get insurance. He noted that they are in a hiring freeze right now and have to do more with less but they still maintain their training. Last year they underwent 200,000 man hours of training. They also have seen improvement as the result of their new safety division which in the past 12 years has reduced worker's comp cases by 72%. One of the things they did 8 years ago was to buy physical education equipment and to institute a wellness program to fight injuries. They also need this because they eat a hearty breakfast which is their only meal until dinner. The equipment is being used extensively and they are seeing a reduction in the amount of sick leave used.

The do special investigations such as arson to determine the cause of a fire. They have Public Information Officers (PIO) which keeps the public informed and also work to put on a show on the local access channel 21 called "Fire Watch". He noted they also have an accountant now that the budget has grown to \$44 million as well as an IT professional. They are trying to be proactive in all aspects of modern firefighting and also to be involved in the community since they remember who they work for and their goal is to please the citizens of Baton Rouge especially those who they have to deal with when it is a bad time for them.

Interclubs Slated This Week

For you newer members, one way to get to know more about Kiwanis is to visit other clubs. In addition to having fun and networking with other Kiwanians you can pick up some great ideas. This year Interclub Chair Bob Lyle is off to a fast start to get us back in the groove. We at one time would visit other clubs 60 or more times a year and would win awards for our efforts. We need to have at least four of our members visit another club to get credit. This week we will be visiting if you can attend let Bob know

The Oaks Kiwanis 7:30 a.m. Piccadilly on Essen Lane
Cortana Kiwanis 7:15 a.m. Piccadilly on Sherwood Forest

President Bruce Continued

Soon after Brian Babin and his band member friends of Platinum Sound finish their delightful music on the main stage, it is time again for youngsters to show off their talents. Jude Bourque handles the microphone and introduces our guests to a full array of young singers, musicians and dancers.

While those inside the Assembly Center are enjoying the music of Platinum Sound, our younger singers and dancers, or looking at the fabulous art display inside the Assembly Center, Bonnie Cooper is making sure the outside activities are in full swing. For the last several years, among many others, we have had a full array of U.S. military vehicles, fire trucks, and vehicle safety belt demonstrations just outside the Assembly Center. The young at heart have been able to climb a rock wall or step into the Baton Rouge Fire Department's aerial lift for a ride into the sky in addition to seeing LSU's mascot swimming and frolicking in his newly refurbished surroundings.

Of course none of the face painting organized by Gloria Bockrath, or flu shots organized by Marjorie Green could be possible on Pancake Day without the personal commitments by members like Paul Humes and Jay Hogue, who manage many of the "off season" storing of the pancake griddles and other much needed supplies. For that matter, how about the ordering of supplies by the two Gary's, Graham and Hay, and keeping care of the financial end of things accomplished by Carl Benedict and Tyelise Harrison.

So, for all the new members who have not been through a Kiwanis Club of Baton Rouge Pancake Day event, please "latch on" to one of the more experienced members such as Tom Nielsen, who was instrumental in getting our Pancake Day program to be as successful as it is today or Auttis Mullins who will no doubt be found near our veterans on Saturday. And one last thing be sure have an enjoyable time with your family and friends.

Youth Services Helps Our Adopted School

Youth Services Committee Chair Jude Bourque invited some of the teachers from our adopted school South Boulevard Foreign Language Academic Immersion Magnet (FLAIM) to visit with us and to receive some monetary support. As Jude noted these teachers come to the U.S. to give lessons to the children at South Boulevard in either French or Spanish. The children receive most if their lessons in the language. To help these new teachers, Youth Services presented them with checks for \$100 each to help get



them set up in the classroom. Receiving these were Corrine Fonclaud from Martinique, Joaquin Freire-Garcia from Spain and Bruno Paquot from Belgium. Jude also presented a plaque to the Teacher of the Year, Margarita Oualle, who could not attend. Paulette Ewing accepted on her behalf as well as a check for \$1750 for the school. We have some ongoing projects that Downtown Kiwanians can participate including a redo of their flagpole and landscaping the front entrance.

**PANCAKE DAY
COUNTDOWN
6 DAYS**

Spiritual Aims Helps Louisiana Moral & Civic Foundation

A long time recipient of our Pancake monies has been the Louisiana Moral & Civic Foundation. Ken Ward was on hand again but it was a bittersweet visit this year as he noted. He sat back at the table where Billy Karns sat and it was not the same. He really missed Billy and his irascible self. But nevertheless he knew that Billy would have been proud to know that the \$500 would go again to the good work of this organization.



Redhat Corner Amethyst Team

This week we feature the Amethyst Sales Team. Brian Babin is team captain for this all male sales team. Other members include Carl Benedict, Louis Curet, Richard Lipscomb, Bob Lyle and Brent Yoes.

The amethyst gem is extravagance in violet. For many thousands of years the amethyst has been coveted by royalty, including the Russian Empress Catherine the Great and Queen

Charlotte of England. The color of the amethyst is as unique as it is seductive, though in fact this gemstone is said to protect its wearer against seduction. In popular belief, the amethyst also offers protection against drunkenness. Although I don't think being seduced is a problem for any member of the Amethyst Sales Team, an occasional bout with drunkenness may not be out of the question for a couple of them!

Other miraculous powers are attributed to the amethyst in all sorts of cultures. It was said to protect crops against tempests and locusts, bring good fortune in war and in the hunt, drive out evil spirits and inspire the intellect. The ancient writer Pliny said that this gemstone, if worn round the neck on a cord made from dog's hair, afforded protection against snakebite. And other ancient writers reported that the amethyst would quell excessive stomach acid.

So, Amethyst Team members, stay focused. Don't get snake bit. Stay sober, and don't be seduced by evil spirits and distractions. Avoid indigestion over low sales numbers! Wear the Amethyst Team label proudly round your neck as you go to war against a bad economy and hunt for buyers of program ads and pancake tickets! Change the world one child and one community at a time!



Go Amethyst Sales Team!

Pancake Day OCTOBER 23

Sales As of October 14th:

Total recorded Sales \$33,850

Team with most recorded sales: Lapis Lazuli with \$6,335

Members with recorded sales greater than \$1,000:

Auttis Mullins	\$2,573
John Paul Funes	\$1,800
Carl Benedict	\$1,728
Freddie Martin	\$1,710
Jude Bourque	\$1,655
Gordon Jarnigan	\$1,453
Chris Tabor	\$1,375
Bob Lyle	\$1,280
Louis Curet	\$1,257
Pat Davis	\$1,230
Pat Minor	\$1,150
Gloria Bockrath	\$1,100
Johnny Schittone	\$1,010
Pat Canning	\$1,000
John Daly	\$1,000

Need a T-Shirt and/or Apron for Pancake Day?



Jude wants to let everyone know that he is ordering "Got Pancakes?" t-shirts in purple and blue. They will be \$10. Let him know if you want one and what size. He is also ordering aprons. They will also be \$10. Let him know if you want one of these.

DOWNTOWN KIWANIS CLUB PANCAKE FESTIVAL, ART & TALENT SHOW – 2010 SPECIAL EVENT

Date: October 23, 2010

Place: LSU Pete Maravich Assembly Center

Time: 6:30 am – 12:30 pm

Special Guests: Residents at Louisiana War Veterans' Homes in Jackson, Jennings and Reserve, Louisiana along with current student veterans from LSU, SU & BRCC

Notifications: Invitations were sent to Louisiana War Veterans' Homes in Jackson, Jennings and Reserve, Louisiana, as well as, to current student veterans at LSU, SU & BRCC Offices of Veterans' Affairs

Request Guests: To enter the Southeast corridor (which is the main entry) where they will be met and ushered to reserved tables near the take-out area of the assembly center. Student veterans are requested to wear their uniform for easy recognition. Without uniform, you will need some identification
Corporate and individual donors to be recognized along with all veterans and family members

Media Blitz

As we head into the final week we will have some members making the rounds of the the local media. Look for Howard Bolton and Mike Graham to be on Channel 9 Tuesday at 6 a.m.

Then on Thursday Matt Yates and Howard will be on Channel2 at 6 a.m.

Also look for the billboard ad donated by Lamar on Perkins near Kenilworth