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Eyes on Arlington: 57th Kiwanis Pancake Day is Feb. 28

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The Kiwanis Pancake Day is a 57-year-old Arlington tradition that attracts hundreds of loyal – and hungry – supporters each year. The club's only fundraiser, the event has raised nearly \$800,000 since 1952. If you haven't been to the Pancake Breakfast, it's something you need to add to your calendar.

Feb. 28 in the Great Hall of First United Methodist Church, Kiwanians will be serving up the delicious breakfast treats with all the trimmings from 8 a.m. to noon.

Along with the chance to catch up with friends and neighbors, there are some great finds at the massive silent auction. Kiwanis President **Al Becker** said, "Anyone with new or pre-owned items in great condition who would like to donate them can do so by contacting the Kiwanis office." Becker said the popular auction raises thousands of dollars for the club's community programs.

"When you buy a Pancake Day ticket, purchase a silent auction item or become a sponsor, you really are making an investment in our community, and most especially in our most precious resource, our children," said club President-elect **Kay Lancaster**, who is chairing the breakfast.

Funds raised go back to the community in the form of scholarships for high school students, support for school community service clubs and organizations, and programs such as Kiwanis' annual Teacher of the Year awards for outstanding elementary, junior high and high school teachers in Arlington public schools.

Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the door or in advance by contacting the Kiwanis office at 817-640-7711 (tel:817-640-7711), or by email at txokdist@swbell.net (<mailto:txokdist@swbell.net>).

Prom Dress Drive at Blue Mesa Grill on Feb. 26

Arlington Junior League is asking for gently used formal and semi-formal dresses, shoes and accessories to put in its Glass Slipper Boutique to serve local high school girls in need of the special attire for their prom night.

Dropping off your donation can be fun if you join the Prom Drive party at Blue Mesa Grill at Lincoln Square on Feb. 26 from 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy some refreshments and get acquainted with league members who are organizing the Prom Drive.

In charge of the boutique is **Lisa Rebstock**, who said organizers are also seeking shoes, purses, jewelry, hair accessories, unused makeup and nail polish.

“The Junior League of Arlington’s Glass Slipper Boutique provides more than just a dress to area high school girls – it gives them equal access to high school memories that will last a lifetime,” said JLA President **Jeannie Deakyne**. “From the moment these women enter our boutique doors to the night they attend their proms, our mission is to let them know that they are valued, respected and worthy of an amazing prom experience.”

If you can’t make it to the party, feel free to bring donations to the Center for Community Service, 4002 W. Pioneer Parkway, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through March 27. Contact Rebstock at glasslipperboutique@jlarlington.org (mailto:glasslipperboutique@jlarlington.org) or call 817-277-9481 (tel:817-277-9481) with questions.

Nominate a small business for recognition by Feb. 27

Each year the Arlington Chamber of Commerce shines a light on small businesses in the area for their achievements, innovation, response to adversity and involvement in community-oriented projects.

Three award categories – nonprofit, for-profit and veteran-owned businesses – will receive honors at the May 14 Salute to Small Business awards luncheon.

Get detailed criteria and the nomination form at tinyurl.com/nxm85m6 (<http://tinyurl.com/nxm85m6>). Contact **Henry Lewczyk** at 817-543-4284 (tel:817-543-4284) or hlewczyk@arlingtontx.com (mailto:hlewczyk@arlingtontx.com).

\$15,000 in scholarships available from Arlington Chamber Foundation

High school seniors in Arlington public schools who will graduate in May have until Feb. 27 to apply for a \$2,500 scholarship from the Arlington Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

As part of the chamber's Champion Education Initiative, the foundation will award six \$2,500 scholarships – one per high school – to Arlington students who plan to attend either the University of Texas at Arlington or Tarrant County College beginning in the 2015-16 academic year.

To learn the eligibility criteria and other requirements, visit tinyurl.com/pdnaltt (<http://tinyurl.com/pdnaltt>) to see the nomination form. Contact **Henry Lewczyk** at 817-543-4284 (tel:817-543-4284) or hlewczyk@arlingtontx.com (<mailto:hlewczyk@arlingtontx.com>) .

Girls Inc. to host awards breakfast Feb. 27

Arlington-based Girls Inc. of Tarrant County will host its annual Celebration Breakfast and Awards Presentation at 8 a.m. Feb. 27 at the City Club, 301 Commerce St. in Fort Worth.

Honorees to be recognized are **Lockheed-Martin** receiving the Strong Partner Award, **Alice, Andrea and Victoria Puente** receiving the Bold Woman Award and **Kristy Wells** receiving the Volunteer of the Year award.

Tickets are \$25. Contact **Amy Rasor** at 817-468-0306 (tel:817-468-0306). Visit www.GirlsIncTarrant.org (<http://www.girlsinctarrant.org/>) for details.

CATS opens new show on Friday

Youth performers, CATS alumni and a veteran CATS instructor are the eight-member cast of the show opening Friday at Creative Arts Theatre & School in its Black Box Theatre at 602 E. South St.

Strega Nona is based on the children's literary classics by Tomie de Paola. CATS spokeswoman **Merri Brewer** said it is a musical about a magical witch trying to help people in her tiny hometown in Italy.

"With an energetic and tuneful score, this fantastical tale teaches that witches can be good and that and you can't judge a pot by its pasta," Brewer said in a news statement.

Performances through March 1 are Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 to \$12. Purchase at the door or in advance at www.creativearts.org (<http://www.creativearts.org/>) or call 817-861-2287 (tel:817-861-2287).

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