"Celebration of Change"

PRIDE Day, October 25, 1997, Salina, KS

"Celebration of Change" is the theme for PRIDE Day 1997. PRIDE Day will be held at the Bicentennial Center in Salina on Saturday, October 25, 1997.

Workshops to Focus on New PRIDE Program Design

The afternoon workshops at PRIDE Day will provide information on the enhancements to the PRIDE Program. PRIDE Program staff members will explain the changes in three concurrent breakout sessions. The new program is designed to assist leaders, decision makers, and citizens to better face the future. It will help communities analyze their town, consider alternatives and develop an action strategy for community and economic development. It will also help communities prepare for and manage change. Multi-community and county PRIDE Programs are encouraged.

Following are the major enhancement of the new program format:

- PRIDE staff will be offering comprehensive technical assistance to help develop a stronger local PRIDE organization. The focus will be on developing a vision for the community which will include goal-setting, self-assessment and an action plan to achieve the vision.
- The Community Achievement and Blue Ribbon components of the program are being combined to allow for a more comprehensive approach to local community development through the PRIDE Program. The Pacemaker Program will be discontinued.
- PRIDE project record books will no longer be a requirement for program documentation; however, program information will be needed for the evaluation review. A quarterly report will be required.
- Communities will not go through competitive judging within population categories. Instead, monetary recognition will be based on the communities goals in meeting identified goals and the impact of their goals on the community. When the community believes it has met the goals established, the PRIDE Committee can request an on-site visit by an evaluation team of community/economic development professionals. Its purpose is to allow communities to focus on strengths, to develop PRIDE in their accomplishments and to hear of strategies to assist in overcoming barriers.
- The new PRIDE Program year will begin July 1, 1994, and end June 30, 1999. The first PRIDE Day, under the restructured program, will be held July 10, 1999.

Dr. Max Brown to Keynote PRIDE Day

The PRIDE Day 1997 keynote address will be given by Dr. Max Brown of Amarillo, Texas. Dr. Brown, known for his inspirational talks, will be speaking on "Celebration of Change."

He believes that every person is an original copy, never to be duplicated. "We are free to be ourselves, with all the humor, self-acceptance, and self-esteem that implies," Brown says. He goes on to say, "the essence of personal freedom is found in the human rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Freedom is the opportunity to pursue our potential to the fullest, coping with change as it occurs." Dr. Brown and his wife, Katy, have two grown children.
TOP TEN REASONS TO ATTEND PRIDE DAY

(1) Most interesting people like yourself - Increase your networking potential and get to know other PRIDE folks and exchange ideas.

(2) Learn how to improve your community - From the PRIDE project books and PRIDE booth, you'll be able to glean new ways of how to successfully accomplish community betterment projects.

(3) Get excited, get enthusiastic, and be motivated by listening to keynote speaker Dr. Max Brown of Amarillo, Texas - see "Celebration of Change".

(4) Experience the new and improved PRIDE Project - Cook to learn about the changes you requested and how your suggestions will provide opportunities for you to be more effective.

Community Service Teams Make a Difference

The Community Service Program at Kansas State University establishes partnerships between the University and rural communities to accomplish community goals. Through the Summer Teams program, interdisciplinary teams of students spend 8 weeks living and working in a Kansas community on a project designed by community residents. Past projects have included beginning a volunteer community newspaper, park and downtown redesign, brochures development, and preparing a recycling feasibility study.

PRIDE Day 1997 Registration Form — October 25

To register for the October 25, 1997 PRIDE Day, please complete and mail by October 14, 1997 with your check or money order payable to: Kansas PRIDE, Inc., 700 S.W. Harrison St., Suite 1300, Topeka, Kansas 66603-3712, (785) 296-3485, V/Tele (785) 296-3487.

Registration is $16 per person, which includes materials, workshops, breaks and the banquet. If you are registering for others, please attach a list of names, addresses and telephone numbers and indicate if registrant is an adult or youth.

Total Number of People Registering ($16 each)

Number of Adults

Number of Youth

Total Amount Enclosed

No tickets will be mailed: Please pick up tickets at the registration table. PRIDE Day is committed to making activities accessible to all participants. In order to assist individuals requiring physical or sensory accommodation, please contact Stan McAdoo at (785) 532-5840 by October 20, 1997.

Still time to reserve a booth

Bill Neaderhis to Perform at PRIDE Day

An exciting blend of music including polkas, waltzes, country & western, and honky-tonk will fill the air as piano player Bill Neaderhis takes you on a musical bonanza during the PRIDE banquet. Bill started playing the piano, by ear, at age 13 and has never quit. He has over 500 songs in his repertoire dating from the 1880s to the present.

Information Hot Lines

For community and economic development technical assistance, resource information, and referrals, help is available by calling either the K-State Research and Extension Information Referral Service at (785) 532-7987 or the Kansas Department of Commerce's FIRST STOP CLEARINGHOUSE at (785) 296-5298.

Important PRIDE Dates

September 1 - PRIDE project brochure due out.

September 1 - PRIDE judging week.

September 22-26 - PRIDE judging week.

October 24 - State PRIDE Board meeting held in Gove: Lyndon - Airport, Osage City - Library, and Salina - Airport.

October 25 - State PRIDE - Recognition Day, Salina.

January 1 - Kick-off of New PRIDE Project.

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http://www.orner.ksu.edu/ dp_rndv/pride/welcome.htm

REMEMBER — Volunteers are not paid because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS!

— Dave Palmer