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Adoption in the Ukraine - as experienced by Kevin and Janie Apfel

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Guests:

Dick Henning brought wife Doris
Dr. Jack Damrow brought wife Clare
Kevin Apfel brought wife Janie &
daughters, Elena & Alexandra
Notable returnee Rollie Strommen
Mike Costello - New member in waiting!

Students of the Month:

Natalie Davis – senior from Craig

Announcements:

Pancake Day is March 17, 2007
Mark your calendars! Pick up your
placemat ads from Dr. Jim or Andy
Ads to be turned in by 2/22/07!
Each member is expected to sell 10
tickets! \$4.50 for advance tickets, \$5.00
at the door.

Fest of Ale will be held at the Holiday
Inn Express on 11/10/07. Mark your
calendars! More details to come.

Wilson School pancake day this
Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007, 8:00 a.m. until
10:30 a.m. Come and volunteer to flip
pancakes and help our K-kids club!

Ace of Hearts Drawing:

Dr. Ryan VanRoo selected the 9 of
spades....pot of \$152.00 rolls over!

Happy Dollars:

Harvey – Customer commented on
Kiwanis pancake day!
Kevin Apfel – one for his “old lady” who
had a birthday; the other for his
daughters who were happy to see him!
Dr. Jack heard from Merlin in Mexico
who saw a Kiwanis park sign!

Program:

Kevin Apfel, wife Janie and their two
lovely daughters, Alexandra (a/k/a
Sasha) 8 years old, and Elena who is 6
years old.



Photo editor's note: Our speaker today is so
painfully shy that he wouldn't hold still long
enough to be photographed. I finally just gave
up and took a picture of the screen!



The Apfels talked about their
experiences in adopting their daughters
from the Ukraine. They flew to Kiev
after getting the call in March of 2006.
They were gone a month to complete
the entire process, which included
countless meetings, document approval
sessions and finally a court hearing to
see if they were fit parents. Thankfully
they did not look too closely at Kevin!

The conditions of the country
were discussed including 5 foot wide by
1 foot deep pot holes; lack of toilets;
dirty conditions of the orphanage, which
contained over 100 children. Janie had
to leave early to attend her mother's
funeral, so Kevin stayed behind to finish
the necessary paperwork and bring the
girls home by himself. Thus, their first
movie they watched was not a Disney
movie, but rather Dumb & Dumber!
Apparently the DVD's Kevin brought
wouldn't play on the available
equipment.

If you missed the meeting, you
missed a truly inspiring story of two
people willing to share their lives to love
two little orphan girls! If only more
people could do so...

Thanks to David O'Leary for taking the notes. Members having information for future newsletters can email
editor@janessvillekiwanis.org.

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