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Thank you for renewing your 2017 Membership with ABC Texas Gulf Coast Chapter.

Together we represent a significant voice, and as a group we make a positive difference. We are working on your behalf to enhance the community in which we live and work. In the coming year we hope to continue to demonstrate the value of ABC membership through both tangible and intangible benefits.

Please visit our website at www.abctxgulfcoast.org to check out available membership discounts, upcoming events and opportunities, news items, committee activities, and details about ABC benefits.

ABC Texas Gulf Coast Chapter wishes to recognize these businesses for their continued support, and encourages you to patronize these establishments!

Upcoming ABC Events - Save the Dates!



Mid Coast Region



Joint ABC & ACIT Membership
Event & Luncheon Wednesday, February 1, 2017

Register online at
www.abctxgulfcoast.org!



28th Annual ABC Cook-Off



2017 Public Relations
Charity Event Sponsors to Date:

Freeport LNG
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Plan to be a part of the fun and competition, and benefit our community!
Watch for more ABC Cook-Off details coming soon!

Sponsorship form is available at:

<http://www.abctxgulfcoast.org/en-us/abc/committees.aspx>

Save the Dates! April 21 - 22, 2017!

Hosted by the ABC Public Relations Committee

WORKFORCEWEEK '17

CELEBRATE. COLLABORATE. CONNECT.

Feb. 28 - March 3, 2017 Fort Lauderdale, Fla.



KEYNOTE

Wednesday, March 1, 8 a.m.

Derreck Kayongo

Business visionary, founder of the Global Soap Project and CEO of the Center for Civil and Human Rights

OPENING NIGHT PARTY

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 6 p.m.

A guaranteed highlight of the conference, this sunset party at the Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina will be a memorable occasion for attendees, including the ABC National Board of Directors, ABC members, chapter staff, National Craft Championships competitors and more.

CHAPTER AWARDS BREAKFAST

Thursday, March 2, 7:30 a.m.

Don't miss the event that celebrates chapter excellence in association management, membership growth, workforce development, communication, political advocacy and safety.

ABC INNOVATION THEATER

Thursday, March 2, 12 p.m.

Technology and innovation are changing how we work. See live demos of exciting products and services from leading suppliers to the construction industry.

REGISTER NOW
WORKFORCE.ABC.ORG

It's the event of the year for commercial and industrial construction! Whether you are a contractor, young professional or one of the more than 500 staff at ABC chapters nationwide, you won't want to miss this opportunity to experience all that ABC Workforce Week has to offer.

MEMBER EDUCATION

Discover strategies to improve:

- Automation
- Safety
- Productivity
- Lean Operations
- Risk Management
- Modeling, Simulation and Prefabrication
- Leadership Development
- Profitability
- Project Management
- Contract Negotiation
- Pricing and Bidding
- Cash Flow

CHAPTER STAFF EDUCATION

Hone essential management skills:

- Personal Productivity/ Time Management
- Unleashing Your Team's Talent
- Managing Millennials
- Growing ABC ONE Member at a Time
- Organizational Performance
- Game-changing Student Recruitment Strategies
- *Plus, New ABC Database Training**

Excellence in Construction® Awards

Wednesday, March 1, 5:30 p.m.

This celebration honors the nation's most innovative and high-quality construction projects and safety and diversity programs. Join us for dinner, a black-tie gala and the post-event reception! Separate registration required.

National Craft Championships

Thursday, March 2, 8 a.m.

Watch craft trainees from chapter and member firm training programs compete in 13 crafts in this annual competition.

CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION AWARDS CEREMONY

Friday, March 3, 8:30 a.m.

Be there as we honor the winners of the National Craft Championships, the Craft Instructor of the Year and the Craft Professional of the Year.

Interested in reaching top construction leaders as a sponsor or exhibitor? Contact Ally Nelson at nelson@abc.org to learn more.



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2016 Christmas Social Member Appreciation and Great Fellowship!



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MEMBERSHIP



2016 Christmas Social



West Columbia Police Chief (pictured 5th from right) with P.D. representatives and ABC P/R Committee. Pictured left to right: Andie Harrington, Wolfenson Electric – ABC; Jim Mahon, Candlewood Suites – ABC; Haley Smith, Performance Contractors – ABC; Patrick Robie, Retirement Planning & Wealth Management – ABC; Terry McAlister, ABC Chapter President & CEO; Dietrich Von Biedenfeld, West Columbia City Council; Ruby Pratt, ABC Staff Liaison; Paul Odin, West Columbia Police Chief; Jimmy West, Tolunay Wong Engineers – ABC; Rhonda Groze, West Columbia P.D. and James Dvorak, West Columbia Assistant Police Chief.

ABC CARES . . . Toy and Food Drive ABC Members Share Goodwill in the Community

At ABC Texas Gulf Coast Chapter, the Public Relations Committee/ABC Cares promotes a food drive throughout the year at various events. In November and December, the committee also promotes a Toy Drive for donation to area charities before Christmas.

The ABC/BSC/MSTI Christmas Social held on December 6, 2016 was also the deadline for contributions to these drives. ABC members gave from the heart making the 2016 Toy and Food Drives a success!

On December 9, 2016, Public Relations Committee members loaded up and made goodwill presentations to these local charities:

TOY DRIVE DONATION: West Columbia Police Department

The West Columbia Police Department started the Blue Santa program in mid-2000, with the idea of making every child smile.

In the course of a police officer's work, they often encounter children in circumstances and environments that are heartbreaking. Many of the children that police interact with only know Christmas as a school holiday. Many of these kids are in single parent homes or family environments that are unstable. Many families must choose between gifts and basic utility needs, leaving little resources for presents at Christmas time.

West Columbia police officers will recommend assistance to families for Christmas, as they meet these children in schools, parks, and neighborhoods throughout the year. Officers may also receive recommendations from outside sources such as churches, school counselors, and social workers. Parents can apply for assistance at the Police Department.

Through the years, the number of families needing assistance has increased. This year we will help approximately 30-40 families with a total of about 60-75 children. We take applications up until the day we have our Blue Santa visit and even up until Christmas day, we will help a family if we are made aware of their need.

This year, we were very fortunate that the ABC Public Relations Committee chose our Blue Santa program to help and we received a very generous donation of toys along with about 100 lbs. of non-perishable food. With this ABC donation, not only were the children able to have the Blue Santa gifts; but were able to choose a toy to take home on Saturday December 17th after their visit with Santa!

It is always amazing to see the children's faces light up and the excitement in their eyes. Parents were very touched and some even shed tears of gratefulness.

Thank you for helping us to make this happen!

Rhonda Groze

West Columbia Police Department

Records/Communications Supervisor

Main: 979-345-5121 or www.westcolumbiatx.org

FOOD DRIVE DONATIONS: On December 9th, the Public Relations Committee presented checks in amount of \$828.00 to each of these local food pantries:

Brazosport Cares Food Pantry, Freeport, Texas - At Brazosport Cares Food Pantry, we believe no one should face the day hungry. That is why for almost 30 years, we have been feeding the hungry in the Brazosport area through food distribution, education, collaboration and advocacy. Our programs target hunger in multiple ways.

- The **Better Choices Program** is designed to combat hunger in our area in several ways. First, the program provides enough groceries to feed a family for more than a week through a client choice model, whereby families shop in a compassionate and dignified manner. Secondly, the program provides education classes on subjects such as nutrition, cooking and financial stability that can lead to long term change in people's lives. Lastly, the program provides events, such as our quarterly Food and Resource Fair, designed to connect families to services that can help them improve quality of life and achieve self-sufficiency.
- **HOPE (Healthy Options Program for the Elderly)** is a monthly supplemental food program tailored to improve the health and nutrition of low income seniors.
- The **Food Scholarship Program** provides groceries to individuals as a motivation to complete programs that can potentially lift them out of poverty or lead them to self-sufficiency. Food scholarships reduce the financial burden by covering a portion of household grocery costs so individuals can focus on their lives. We are currently offering food scholarships to individuals participating in Brazosport College's JumpStart and Accelerate Texas programs.
- Our **Powerpacks Program** targets childhood hunger by distributing weekend backpacks to more than 100 homeless and chronically hungry students in Freeport schools.

We are grateful to ABC for their continued support throughout the years. Your generous donation will ensure many families have dinner on the table tonight.

For more information about how you can become involved in the fight against hunger go to our website:

www.brazosportcares.org or visit our Facebook page: Brazosport Cares Food Pantry.

Christy Frey, Director

Brazosport Cares Food Pantry



Christy Frey, 2nd from right – Brazosport Cares Food Pantry Director, pictured with (L to R) ABC Staff Liaison Ruby Pratt, Co-Chairperson Andie Harrington, Patrick Robie, and Co-Chairperson Jim Mahon.



Pictured (L to R) are ABC Texas Gulf Coast Public Relations Committee Co-Chairperson Andie Harrington, ABC Staff Liaison Ruby Pratt, Patrick Robie, Co-Chairperson Jim Mahon, and Lisa Owsley, InterFaith Food Bank Director

Interfaith Food Bank, Clute, Texas

For nearly 15 years, the Interfaith Food Bank, dba The Food Basket has been working hard at addressing food insecurity in the Clute, Lake Jackson and Richwood communities. We work on a client choice model which allows those coming to receive food, the opportunity to shop in a dignified manner, as they are facing difficult circumstances. We are now in the planning stages to host educational classes for our clients in the areas of employment, budgeting, grocery shopping and cooking.

Also an additional opportunity is to assist clients in sharing a need that is of most importance to them. Coffee with Lisa is a new program at the agency to have a “get to know you better” session that helps to have quiet, one-on-one time; to express the needs of their families.

This year we have added a community outreach program allowing us access to the Community Food truck from the Houston Food Bank, which delivers approximately 10 pallets of fresh produce. We are also in the process of beginning some hands-on training in the grocery business – particularly in the produce preparation arena.

The Food Basket invites local agencies to assist our clients with a variety of other needs. We hear about the success stories resulting from helping to connect clients with agencies they were unaware of.

Our community clients come to us for a variety of reasons. One example is moving to the area due to job opportunities – yet rents/deposits add up causing some families to struggle to purchase food during a short time. Some of these folks are seniors living on fixed incomes; some are single parents finding it difficult making ends meet; others are dealing with severe health issues which takes their income dollars. Many of our clients have a hard time asking for assistance, but their circumstances have brought them to us, and we are glad we are able to give the help.

We appreciate the generous support again this year, from the ABC membership. This year’s gift will help in providing 2,000 meals to local families during this holiday season and beyond.

For more information on how you can become involved in the fight against hunger, go to our website at: www.interfaithfoodbank.com, or visit our facebook page: Interfaith Food Bank, dba The Food Basket.

Lisa Owsley, Director

Interfaith Food Bank, dba The Food Basket



Pictured (L to R) are Ruby Pratt, ABC Staff Liaison, St. Thomas Center representative Mildred Wauson, Public Relations Committee Member Patrick Robie, & Jim Mahon and Andie Harrington, Co-Chairs of ABC Public Relations Committee

St. Thomas Center—Angleton

For more than 20 years the St. Thomas Food Pantry has worked hard to address the nutritional needs of the residents of the Angleton and Danbury Independent School Districts. Each year the number of clients seems to continue to multiply, and 2016 was no exception.

Our food pantry supplemented food to more than 3,000 families in our area, feeding more than 8,000 individuals in our community. Our agency is only able to assist these clients through the generous donations we receive from kind, caring donors like members of ABC.

Your donation to our Food Pantry will be used to purchase food from the Houston Food Bank. Our purchasing power through the Houston Food Bank will allow us to buy much needed groceries at the reduced price of approximately 1/5 the matching retail cost. So thanks to the members of ABC, your donation will provide us with enough purchasing power to stock our shelves with over \$ 4,140.00 worth of food.

St. Thomas Center also served over 1600 area residents with financial assistance totaling over \$60,000 for housing, utilities and prescription expenses. Our Free Wellness Clinic for uninsured adults was consistently booked three months in advance for the entire year of 2016. We offered medical assistance to over 1500 patients.

In the month of December, our Angel Tree Christmas Gift Program was able to coordinate gift donations and food to over 250 local children from low income homes for the Christmas holidays.

Thank you ABC members, for giving us the tools and support needed to continue our path of "Offering Help . . . To Create Hope!"

Rebecca Mireles, St. Thomas Center

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P/R Committee members not pictured include: Jeanna Adams, Wurst Haus Catering; Loretta Anderson, All American Screening & Medical; Lisa Bundick-Woods, Tri-Construction Co., Inc.; Sherry Childress, Lone Star Resin Systems, Inc.; Chris Cloninger, Wholesale Electric Supply Co., Inc.; Kelley Cope, ABC Staff Liaison; Joniese Copeland, Performance Contractors, Inc.; Kimber James, Vencorex Chemicals; Drew Lindsey, Texas Gulf Bank, NA; Mike Mathis, Brazos M & E; Cheryl Miller, Tolunay-Wong Engineers, Inc.; Josh Mueller, Tolunay-Wong Engineers, Inc. – ABC P/R Chairman; Scott Potter, Kelly Services, Inc.; Annie Roberson and Roosevelt Thompson, All American Screening & Medical; Mark Rosebud, Non Destructive Inspection Corp.; Amy Rouse, Clark Industrial Services; Shayne Salinas, The Brevard Co.; Scott Vardeman, Gas and Supply of Texas, Ltd.; Debbie Vavra, Park Place Sports & Awards, LLC; Cheryl Watts, Performance Party Rents and Lisa Williams, Excel Contractors, Inc.

A Letter of Appreciation from Military Moms & Wives of Brazoria County

In last month's newsletter, we shared about the ABC Public Relations Committee donations to area charitable organizations. Military Moms & Wives received funds in the amount of \$3,000.00. Recently, we received a 'thank you' note from Military Moms & Wives of Brazoria County:

"Yea, we are done --- 2,300 care packages mailed out!!! It did take us two days and the postage came to \$31,000 and we are so tired!!!

"I cannot express enough to all of you, how grateful we are for all the volunteers and supporters that made this possible." Merry Christmas

and a Happy New Year!

**FROM: Mary Moreno,
Military Mom Volunteer**

The ABC Public Relations Committee extends appreciation to ABC membership for their overwhelming generosity throughout all of 2016.

By supporting the Food Drive you fed the hungry, by supporting the Cook-Off you allowed us to share with those less fortunate, and by supporting the Toy Drive, you made Christmas brighter for many children and families in need.

Indeed, you put the 'Merry' in Merry Christmas!



POWERPACKS also dropped us a line . . .

Dear Friends,

Thank you again for your generous donation to the Powerpack Program.

There are over 100 kids that will not go hungry because of your support.

Have a blessed New Year!

-Tracie Bishop



TRAINING



MSTI & BSC Classes & Training Opportunities

- Jan 7:30 a.m. Aerial Lifts Operator Certification Training, Tues-Thurs, CR #5
- Jan 8:00 a.m. Basic Plus, Mon - Fri, CR#4
- Jan 1:00 p.m. Work Permit Acceptor Training, Thursdays, CR#1
- Jan 17-18 8:00 a.m. Enhanced Foreman Training, CR #1
- Jan 19 5:00 p.m. Electrical Cont. Ed. License Renewal Class, CR #2
- Jan 10-11 8:00 a.m. ICTP Training & Certification CR #2
- Jan 23 6:00 p.m. CMA Project Supervision Class - Mon/Wed, CR #4
- Jan 9 6:00 p.m. CSST Field Safety Class - Mon/Wed, CR #3
- Jan 10 6:00 p.m. CSST Field Safety Class - Tues/Thurs CR #3

Today Jan, 2017 Day Week Month List

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
01 Jan	2 ↻ Basic Plus	3 ↻ Aerial Lifts Certification ↻ Basic Plus	4 ↻ Basic Plus	5 ↻ Aerial Lifts Certification ↻ Basic Plus ↻ Work Permit Acceptor	6 ↻ Basic Plus	7
8	9 ↻ Basic Plus ↻ CSST Field Safety Class	10 ↻ Aerial Lifts Certification ↻ Basic Plus ↻ ICTP Training &	11 ↻ Basic Plus ↻ ICTP Training & ↻ CSST Field Safety Class	12 ↻ Aerial Lifts Certification ↻ Basic Plus ↻ Work Permit Acceptor	13 ↻ Basic Plus	14
15	16 ↻ Basic Plus	17 ↻ Aerial Lifts Certification ↻ Basic Plus ↻ Enhanced Foreman	18 ↻ Enhanced Foreman ↻ Basic Plus	19 ↻ Aerial Lifts Certification ↻ Basic Plus ↻ Work Permit Acceptor more...	20 ↻ Basic Plus	21
22	23 ↻ Basic Plus ↻ CMA Project Supervision	24 ↻ Aerial Lifts Certification ↻ Basic Plus	25 ↻ Basic Plus ↻ CMA Project Supervision	26 ↻ Aerial Lifts Certification ↻ Basic Plus ↻ Work Permit Acceptor	27 ↻ Basic Plus	28
29	30 ↻ Basic Plus	31 ↻ Aerial Lifts Certification ↻ Basic Plus	01 Feb	2	3	4

For Training Class Details, visit:
www.abctxgulfcoast.org/training



Texas Gulf Coast Chapter





ABC Human Resources Webinar:

Update: FMLA & ADA

Wednesday, January 11, 2017
1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.

Presented by Mark Jodon, Attorney, Littler Mendelson. G. MARK JODON is the office managing shareholder in Littler Mendelson's Houston office. Mark is board-certified in labor and employment law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He has defended companies before the EEOC for more than 30 years.

Don't miss this opportunity especially designed for HR Professionals!



More Upcoming Webinars for ABC Members

Click [HERE](#) to register!

Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 1:00 p.m.
Going Mobile: Why Construction Needs to be on the Cutting Edge

Thursday, January 19, 2017, 10:00 a.m.
Busted! The Top Six Myths of Lean Construction

Thursday, January 26, 2017, 1:00 p.m.
Building an Employee Engagement Strategy for 2017

Thursday, February 2, 2017, 10:00 a.m.
Six Critical Factors to Lean Construction Success

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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BSC/MSTI Course Offerings
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Course Description	Code	Day (s)	Time (s)	Frequency	Contact
Aerial Lift Operator Certification	04AWP	Tues/Thurs	7:30 am-4:30 pm	Ongoing	979-233-1818
Basic Plus		Mon-Friday	8:00 am-1:30 pm	Ongoing	979-233-1818
Basic Rigger Refresher Course		3 days	7:00 am-4:00 pm	As requested	979-233-1616
Construction Site Safety Technician	CSST	M/W, T/Th	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Fall & Spring Semesters	979-824-7370
Electrical Continuing Education		3rd Thursday	5:00 pm-9:00 pm	Monthly	979-824-7370
License Renewal Class					
Enhanced Foreman Training		2 days	8:00 am-4:00 pm	Monthly	979-233-1818
Forklift Operator Certification	04FORKL	Mondays	7:30 am-1:00 pm	Ongoing	979-233-1818
ICTP Training & Certification		2 days	8:00 am-4:00 pm	Annually or as requested	979-824-7365
Project Supervision	CMA	Tues/Thurs	Evening Class	Fall & Spring Semesters	979-239-4372
Safe Work Permit Acceptor Training	04SWPA	Thursday	1:00 pm-4:00 pm	Weekly on Thurs.	979-233-1818

OSHA Course Offerings- Visit www.uta.edu/ded
By University of Texas at Arlington - Offered at ABC, Freeport
1002 ABC Avenue
Freeport, TX 77541

Course Description	Code	Day (s)	Time (s)	Frequency	Contact
Hazardous Materials	OSHA 2015	Tues - Thurs Friday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm 8:00 a.m. - Noon	Jan 17 - 20, 2017	866-906-9190
Occupational Safety and Health Standards for General Industry		Tues - Fri	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Feb 7 - 10, 2017	866-906-9190
Excavation, Trenching and Soil Mechanics	OSHA 3015	Tues - Thurs	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Mar 7 - 9, 2017	866-906-9190
Occupational Safety and Health Standards for Construction		Tues - Fri	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Apr 25 - 28, 2017	866-906-9190
Safety Standards for Scaffolding		Tues - Thurs	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	May 16 - 18, 2017	866-906-9190
Fall Protection	OSHA 3115	Tues - Thurs	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Jun 6 - 8, 2017	866-906-9190
Trainer Course in OSHA Standards for Construction	OSHA 500	Tues - Fri	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Jul 10 - 13, 2017	866-906-9190
Incident Management Training		Tues - Fri	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Aug 15 - 18, 2017	866-906-9190

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| Jan. 10 3:30 p.m. | Public Relations Committee Meeting | Jan. 31 11:00 a.m. | BSC Board/Owners Advisory Meeting |
| Jan. 11 1:00 p.m. | Human Resources Webinar/Meeting | Feb. 1 11:30 a.m. | ABC/ACIT Joint Membership Event |
| Jan. 24 3:00 p.m. | ABC Board Meeting | Feb. 2 3:00 p.m. | Suppliers' Council Meeting |
| Jan. 26 2:30 p.m. | MSTI Board Meeting | | |

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Today Jan, 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
01 Jan	2 New Year's Holiday	3 Regular Day	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Public Relations Committee	11 ABC State Board Meeting ABC National Webinar-Going Human Resources Webinar	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 ABC National Webinar -	20	21
22	23	24 ABC Board Meeting	25	26 MSTI Board Meeting	27	28
29	30	31 BSC Board/Owners Advisory	01 Feb ABC & ACIT Joint	2 Suppliers' Council Meeting	3	4

Ingredients:

Three Cheese Baked Potato Soup

Yield: 4 - 6 Servings

- 3 pounds Yukon Gold potatoes
- 8 slices bacon, cut into 1/8" slices and cooked crisp
- 1/2 onion, minced & sautéed
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon Herbes de Provence
- 1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes, or to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper, or to taste
- 3 cups milk
- 3 cups chicken stock, unsalted
- 1 1/2 cups sharp white cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1/2 cup Colby Jack Cheese, shredded
- 1/2 cup Gruyere cheese, shredded
- 1-cup Greek yogurt or sour cream

1. Preheat oven to 425F.
2. Wash and dry potatoes then prick with a fork. Cover potatoes in aluminum foil and cook at 425F for 45-60 minutes or until done. When cooked, let cool 10 minutes then peel. Mash half of the potatoes and cut the other half into 1-inch cubes. Set aside.
3. Cut bacon into 1/8" slices then place in a large Dutch oven over med-high heat and cook until crisp. Remove bacon pieces to a paper towel-covered plate and set aside to add at time of serving.
4. Keep 2 tablespoons bacon grease then place minced onion in the bacon grease. Sauté onion over medium heat until onion is translucent and add minced garlic and sauté 30 seconds more.
5. To the sautéed onion/garlic mixture, add potatoes, herbs, red pepper flakes, salt, pepper, milk and chicken stock. Cook until thoroughly heated, stirring constantly.
6. Turn heat to low and add cheese and yogurt (or sour cream).
7. Taste the soup after cheese has melted to see if more flavoring is needed. If the soup seems a little bland, add chicken base (or granules) and stir until incorporated.

To serve, pour soup in bowls and top with bacon, dollop of sour cream, green onions, extra cheese and crackers.



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