

Lions and many volunteers staffed the event.

300 gallons of maple-flavored syrup, 16,500 cartons of milk and 10,758 cartons of orange drink. It was all-you-can-eat for \$4.50 in advance and \$5 at the door.

Competing with the Kiwanians is all in good fun, but the Lions don't swim in pancake batter and dodge sausage sizzle for 13 hours just for kicks. The fund-raiser benefits 23 charities including Texas Lions Camp, Texas Boys Ranch, Adult Eyeglass Program, the Children's Miracle Network, Boys Scouts, youth scholarships and Campaign SightFirst II.

Varoff says, like other Lions, he leaves the house shortly after 5 a.m. on pancake day and works at the festival until 9:30 p.m. "I don't even like pancakes," he says. "My mother served them all the time when I was a kid."

But the flip side to the large scale of the Lions' pancake festival is that other ventures pale in comparison. Two weeks after the Lions' event Varoff worked a three-hour pancake fund-raiser at his church. "That was a walk in the park," he says. ■

served **16,206** people

48,618 pancakes

900 volunteers

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