

# **News Release**

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Luby's Announces Passing of Former Chairman and CEO**

*George Wenglein, One of Company's Early Leaders, Oversaw Growth of Luby's*

**HOUSTON, TX – April 14, 2005** – Luby's, Inc. (NYSE: LUB) today announced that George Wenglein, a former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, passed away on April 12, 2005. Mr. Wenglein was 88 years old.

"Today is a sad day for the entire Luby's family," said Chris Pappas, Luby's President and CEO. "George played an instrumental role in the growth and development of Luby's, working side-by-side with Bob Luby and Charles Johnston from the very beginning. He served as a mentor for generations of Luby's managers and touched thousands more employees. He was a true restaurateur and without his leadership and vision Luby's would not be what it is today; he will be sorely missed."

In 1939, Mr. Wenglein joined Bob Luby, a founder of the Company, and John Lee, another early leader, in opening a cafeteria in El Paso. Following service as a Navy pilot during World War II, Mr. Wenglein returned to Texas – first to El Paso and then to San Antonio – to help Bob Luby and Charles Johnston (Luby's cousin and co-founder) launch what is today Luby's, Inc. Mr. Wenglein served in various operational and corporate roles from the 1940's until 1971, when he was named President and Chief Executive Officer of Luby's (then called Cafeterias, Inc.). At that time, the Company consisted of 30 cafeterias.

Mr. Wenglein was the President and CEO of the Company when on January 24, 1973, it became a publicly traded company. By 1981, it had grown to 59 locations and \$110.2 million in sales. In 1982, the Company was first traded on the New York Stock Exchange. It was also in 1982 that Mr. Wenglein was named Chairman and John Lahourcade was named President. The next year, Mr. Lahourcade also assumed the CEO title, although Mr. Wenglein continued to serve as Chairman of the Board until 1988 and as a member of the Board until 2001.

During George Wenglein's tenure as President and CEO, and later as Chairman, Luby's experienced growth from 30 cafeterias in 1973 to more than 100 cafeterias in 1988. He saw the Company through its initial public offering in 1973 and its listing on the New York Stock Exchange in 1982.

Mr. Wenglein is survived by his wife of 49 years, Phyllis, three grown children (Teri Wenglein-Callender, George H. (Skip) Wenglein, Jr., and Ann Wenglein-Brawner) and five grandchildren. A memorial service for Mr. Wenglein will be held at 4:00 p.m. at the Alamo Heights United Methodist Church in San Antonio on Friday, April 15, 2005.

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