

# Januar 9, 2009

## K-Business of the Day

### Today's Attendance:

There were 40 Kiwanians in attendance today. This week's guests were Wilma Rohweder, guest of **Boomer**, Lori Battista, guest of **Bill Battista**, Mary Link, guest of **Dave LeDuc**, and Laverne McGrill, wife of **Tom McGrill**.

### This Week's Program Summary

This week's speaker was Joe Kapler, Curator of the Wisconsin Historical Society. Mr. Kapler was introduced by **Dave Wendricks**.

Mr. Kapler began his presentation by trying to explain the difference between both the locations and responsibilities of both the Wisconsin Historical Society and the Wisconsin Historical Museum. The Society is located on campus, and the Museum is located near the square on State Street. Mr. Kapler indicated that the purpose of the Historical Society is to work on collecting artifacts and telling stories.

For the latest exhibition, the Society sent our thousands of surveys to residents in southcentral Wisconsin on requesting feedback on what would the citizens like to see in the museum. Over 900 surveys were returned and approximately 60% of the respondents asked for something unusual that is not necessarily found in textbooks. The result is the current display of Odd Wisconsin-Satisfy Your Curiosity with the simple theme of unusual and unexpected items in Wisconsin. The current display is a compilation of 46 exhibits and stories on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the museum.

Some of the exhibits include the Scotch Giant, a 7' 4" New Yorker who moved to Wisconsin in the 1850's; gigantic onions grown in Wisconsin; Civil War drum from a freed slave who was the drummer boy; a 6 & 1/2 monster knife as a political token to John Fox Paar, a 500 year old map of the world; 1850's style medical tools; shoe x-ray machine; part of the van wreckage from the Sterling Hall bombing; the glass that Teddy Roosevelt was holding when he was shot in Milwaukee in 1912; and some of the clothing and costumes from Liberate.

Moral of the story: Wisconsin has a great deal of interesting stories associated with many of the artifacts at the Wisconsin Historical Museum.

### Contributing Kiwanians

**PRESIDING.....Ron Schuler**  
**GREETER..... Carol Spencer**  
**CHECK POINT....., Matty**  
**OPENING WORD .....Boomer**  
**KOG Reporter.....Al Wearing**  
**MUSIC.....Boomer and Dave**  
**RAFFLE.....Harold Green**  
**Henry Ahlgren Fund**  
Present Membership.....97

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*For a listing of FUTURE PROGRAMS:*  
<http://www.wml.org/scripts/BillB/Programs2009.htm>

### Pres Ron's Announcements

Ron also announced that there is a Division 4 Meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 at the Sequoia Library on Midvale.

Ron than also announced that there was a Earl Forbes recruiting seminar on January 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-2:00 at the Verona Library.

Ron announced that the Wisconsin Upper Michigan Conference will be February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in Stevens Point.

Ron then read a couple of thank you notes-one from Monica at Mount Olive for a Christmas gift, and one from the Midvale School for borrowing the pancake grill.

## [Future K-Meetings](#)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>KOG EDITOR</u>	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>OPENING WORD</u>
Jan 16	Tim Bruer, Keep Wisconsin Warm Fund Update on Fund	AI Wearing	Jim Marscall	TBD
Jan 23	Gary Sandefur, UW Dean of College of L & S UW Madison in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	Wearing	Virgil Jurrens	TBD
Jan 30	Renee La Jcak, Midwest Teacher Training Teaching English for Pleasure, Purpose, or Profit	AI Wearing	TBD	TBD
Feb 6	Kevin McSweeney, Director UW Arboretum UW Arboretum Celebrating 75 Years of Restoration	AI Wearing	Joe Dresser	TBD
Feb 13	Kevin Riley, UW System President	AI Wearing	TBD	TBD
Feb 20	Tim Otis Madison Senior Center	AI Wearing	TBD	TBD
March 13	Linda Colletti, Tendertears.com Gifts for the Greiving Heart	AI Wearing	TBD	TBD

## [Upcoming Activities and Events](#)

Jan 13	Division 4 Meeting	6:00-7:30	Sequoia Library/Midvale
Jan 17	Earl Forbes Recruiting Seminar	10:00-2:00	Verona Library
Feb 26-28	State Wrestling Tournament	TBA	Kohl Center
Feb 27-28	Wisconsin/Upper Michigan Conf	TBA	Stevens Point
March 9	Hockey Banquet	6:30	Memorial High School
April 22	Music Banquet	6:00	Memorial High School
Apr 24, 2009	Madison West Kiwanis 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary		Monona Terrace
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Brewers/Cubs Game	TBD	Miller Park

## [Member Announcements](#)

### [Girl Scout Cookies](#)

**Rich Groom** announced that Eric's daughter from Gaylord is selling girl scout cookies and that there would be a sheet being passed around for sign-up. **Sharon Brantmeier** also indicated that her daughter's girl scout cookies sign up sheet would be passed around as well.

### [State Wrestling Tournament](#)

**Rich Groom** also announced that West Kiwanis would be hosting a stand in the Kohl Center for the State Wrestling Tournament on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>. Rich indicated that a sign up sheet would be distributed next week and that both **Mary Mennes** and Rich will be gone that week at the Wisconsin Upper Michigan Conference in Stevens Point.

### [Easter Seals Assistance](#)

**Ken Saville** asked for volunteers on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-12:00 for envelope stuffing at the Easter Seals office.

### [Hockey Banquet](#)

**John Schwab** announced a date for the hockey banquet, but since his announcement, there have been some changes and please note that the Hockey Banquet is scheduled for Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM at Memorial High School. Volunteer Kiwanians will need to be at the school at 5:30.

### [The Linus Mission](#)

**AI Wearing** announced that the Verona Kiwanis Club is collecting blankets to distribute to needy families. Blankets could be dropped off at Miller & Sons, Park Bank, Walgreens, or the Verona Library locations in Verona.

### [50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Update](#)

At the Board meeting this month, **Boomer** from the committee announced that the theme and logo of the

anniversary dinner on April 24<sup>th</sup> would be a "Bright Past and a Brilliant Future." The committee is expecting 175 people in attendance and it will be held at Monona Terrace. Invitations will include all current and past members, and interclub invitations as well. More information on specific costs and menu items will be distributed in the near future from the committee.

### [Perfect Attendance Anniversaries](#)

Secretary **Gerry Maruska** recognized **AI Anderson** for 41 years of perfect attendance and **Dave Wendricks** for 13 years of perfect attendance.

### [Birthday Contributions](#)

There were five birthday contributors in December for a contribution of \$176. The total 2008 Birthday contribution to the Foundation was \$1,818.90. There were a total of 48 birthday contributors this year.

### [Program Website](#)

**Bill Battista** would like to remind all the members that AOL is discontinuing the web storage feature which is used to post future events. In the short term, Bill will store the information at the following location:  
<http://www.wmll.org/scripts/BillB/Programs2009.htm>  
Please note that Bill has updated this website to reflect 2009.